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The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
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Re: S. 3484, Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency Act of 2018

Dear Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member McCaskill, and members of the committee,

On behalf of the American Library Association (ALA), we write to urge your support for S. 3484, the Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency Act of 2018 (GREAT Act), which would modernize reporting by recipients of Federal grants and improve access to grant data.

Federal grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and other agencies are a small but critical source of support for America's libraries. The GREAT Act would streamline paperwork requirements for grantees, allowing libraries to put federal dollars to their best use.

The American Library Association (ALA) is the foremost national organization providing resources to inspire library and information professionals to transform their communities through essential programs and services. For more than 140 years, the ALA has been the trusted voice for academic, public, school, government and special libraries, advocating for the profession and the libra