

February 9, 2020

Mr. Russell Vought
Acting Director
Office of Management and Budget

Re: Closure of Federal Archives and Records Center in Seattle, Washington

Dear Acting Director Vought,

On behalf of the American Library Association, I write to express our concern with the announced closure of the National Archives and Records Administration's Federal Archives and Records Center in Seattle, Washington, as proposed by the Public Buildings Reform Board and announced December 27, 2019. W* n BT /F1 1.r[()] re W* n BT /F1 12 Tf 1 0 0 1 192.62 467.4

¹ Letter from the Public Buildings Reform Board and Russell Vough, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget (December 27, 2019), available at <https://www.pbrb.gov/assets/uploads/20191227%20High%20Value%20Assets%20Report%20as%20Required%20by%20FASTA.pdf>

² National Archives and Records Administration, Seattle Facility Approved for Closure (January 27, 2020), available at <https://www.archives.gov/press/pressreleases/2020/nr2087>.

³ National Archives and Records Administration, Statement by Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero Announces Closure/Consolidations of Three National Archives Facilities (March 11, 2014), available at <https://www.archives.gov/press/pressreleases/2014/nr1441.html>.

⁴ Letter from James Grossman, Executive Director, American Historical Association, to Russell Vough, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget and the Public Buildings Reform Board (January 23, 2020), available at <https://www.historians.org/newsand-advocacy/ahadvocacy/letterof-concernabout-the-proposed-closure-and-sale-of-the-nara-facility-in-seattle>

⁵ Letter from the Council of State Archivists and the Society of American Archivists to Russell Vough, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget (January 30, 2020), available at http://files.archivists.org/news/JointStatementon-NARASeattle%20Closure_013020.pdf

⁶ Letter from Kim Wyman, Secretary of State, Washington, to Washington Congressional delegation (January 27, 2020), available at https://www.sos.wa.gov/assets/archives/letter_naraseattleclosure_012720.pdf

⁷ Letter from 16 bipartisan Members of Congress to Russell Vough, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget (January 24, 2020), available at <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6672233-National-Archives-Senators-Letter-New.html>