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To the Members of the American Library Association,

We, the members of the Association of Canadian Archivists, are writing to express our unwavering support for your efforts combatting growing attempts to defund public libraries and to censor books and library materials, particularly those written by members of LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities.

As fellow information professionals, members of the Canadian archival community are shocked and deeply concerned by these suppressive initiatives. Like you, we believe that access to information and a diversity of ideas are hallmarks of a free and open society. The work done by you and your members is absolutely essential to safeguard the freedoms of thought and expression.

Furthermore, we recognize the recent, and shameful, efforts to defund public libraries are a direct attack on our shared core values of promoting knowledge-sharing and fostering plurality, diversity, and inclusion in our societies. The targeted censorship of literature produced by members of LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities is particularly concerning and risks the continued marginalization and aggravated silencing of these groups.

As you and your members double-down on your tenacious defense of intellectual freedom, please know that your Canadian archival colleagues stand in solidarity with you, and in admiration of your work.

Yours sincerely,

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