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Dear Ms. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter of June 13, 2013, regarding Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and the reinstatement of the National Archival Development Program (NADP). I appreciate you taking the time to share the views of provincial and territorial archives councils with me and have carefully noted your comments.

Please be assured that our Government recognizes the importance of LAC and the many services it provides, as it plays an essential role in acquiring and preserving Canada's documentary heritage. Our Government's objective is to select a highly qualified individual for the position of Librarian and Archivist of Canada.

While LAC is responsible for its own operational decisions, I will ask the new Librarian and Archivist of Canada if the NADP can be restored in a way that makes sense within LAC's current budget. In the meantime, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of our correspondence to Mr. Hervé Déry, Acting Deputy Head and Librarian and Archivist of Canada, so that he is aware of your organization's views.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable James Moore, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: Mr. Hervé Déry

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