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***Sent via email***

Dear Mr. Boarman and Ms. Baish:

During a phone conversation of February 3, 2011 between myself and Ms. Baish, Ms. Baish asked for more detail about the services the University of Minnesota Libraries will provide to the Michigan selective federal depository libraries if Minnesota assumes regional responsibilities for Michigan. She also asked to see a memorandum of agreement between the University of Minnesota Libraries and the Library of Michigan. Additionally, she inquired about the Library of Michigan plans to dispose of legacy regional federal documents in our collection, once we are no longer a regional and take on selective federal depository status, with Minnesota serving as the regional federal depository for Michigan.

Attached, please find the University of Minnesota's documentation delineating the regional services it provides to the selective depository libraries in its region (this is posted on its website). Also attached is the memorandum of understanding between the University of Minnesota Libraries and the Library of Michigan/Michigan Department of Education for a multi-state regional.

The Library of Michigan has an urgent need to reduce the quantity of federal documents received going forward and is working on our selective depository profile. Once the Minnesota and Michigan U.S. Senators designate Minnesota as the regional federal depository serving Michigan, the Library of Michigan will submit its selective depository profile for federal materials to be received going forward.

The Library of Michigan does not have a pressing need to reduce the number of legacy regional federal depository materials in its collection. We anticipate taking some time to determine what

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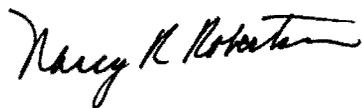
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legacy materials are essential to the on-going mission of the Library of Michigan. Once that is determined, we will begin to identify materials that are not essential to the on-going mission of the Library of Michigan and will follow the disposal request process of our regional federal depository library. For any particular document one of these three avenues may be explored: some materials that duplicate those held by the University of Minnesota regional collection may be offered out to other Michigan, Minnesota, or South Dakota selective depository libraries (with an intent to offer them to Michigan libraries first); some may be included in initiatives to digitize government publications; others may be discarded per the disposal approval process. Most of the Michigan-related legacy regional materials at the Library of Michigan will be retained on an on-going basis by the Library of Michigan.

Since no alternative in-state regional option has emerged, Wendy Lougee, the University of Minnesota University Librarian and the Michigan Department of Education and I are proceeding with our plans. We will begin contacting the offices of our respective U.S. Senators later this month. As you are aware, this plan is essential, since without the Library of Michigan to serve as Michigan's regional, no Michigan selectives will be able to dispose of any federal materials unless another regional depository library is designated to serve them. Thus it is imperative that we move forward as soon as possible so Michigan is not without a regional library to serve the selective depository libraries within the state.

We appreciate your review of the detailed materials Ms. Baish requested, and hope they are helpful in bringing you up to date on our plan to have Minnesota designated as the regional federal depository library serving Michigan.

Sincerely yours,



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Attachments

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