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Ms Kerry Macdonald
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Dear Ms Macdonald:

Thank you for taking the time to share information relating to your association's consolidation and your concerns with Minister Cox. I have been asked to respond to you directly regarding these matters.

I recognize that you have a vested interest in the results of the Program and Policy Review. My staff and I are carefully reviewing your concerns along with feedback offered by the broader library sector. We are actively exploring options with respect to addressing the challenges and opportunities identified throughout the consultation process. We are committed to advancing our shared priorities by making meaningful decisions within an environment where financial constraints remain challenging.

I am pleased to share that we are moving forward with addressing some of the current staffing challenges at the branch. There will be more information related to this sector when the current hiring competition is finalized.

We anticipate being in a position to share more formal responses to the Program and Policy Review over the coming months and I ask for your continued support and patience throughout this process.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Harrison
Deputy Minister

c: Ms Danielle Hubbard, Advocacy Director
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