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RESOLUTION ON MISINFORMATION TO CITIZENS

Whereas, Accurate, timely, and complete information is essential for informed citizen participation in a democracy; and

Whereas, Since 1981, the American Library Association Washington Office chronology, "Less Access to Less Information By and About the U.S. Government," has documented examples of restrictions to public access to federal government information, such as misinformation, disinformation, and reductions in the collection and dissemination of government information; and

Whereas, Congressional hearings disclosing misinformation and the withholding of information from Congress and U.S. citizens are currently in the news; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association urge the President and Congress to ensure that the general public and their elected representatives at all levels of government have readily available, accurate, timely, and complete information which is essential to informed citizen participation in a democracy, and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution and a copy of "Less Access to Less Information By and About the U.S. Government" be forwarded to the President, Vice-President, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
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