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Mr. James Ritter
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Dear Mr. Ritter:

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the submission of your Five-Year Plan (FY 2018-FY 2022). Your plan outlines how the State of Maine intends to impact communities by providing services such as information/broadband access.

State Library Administrative Agencies benefit from having a bird's eye perspective on libraries, communities, and partners, and your Plan demonstrates a strong commitment to these stakeholders.

Most importantly, your Plan documents the need for and impact of LSTA funds in the communities you serve. It is an excellent framework for the future, and it is approved for the full five-year period.

Thank you for working with IMLS throughout this process. While IMLS will continue to work with states on aligning their activities and measures with the new State Program Report framework, it is my hope that this Plan will lead to an excellent evaluation five years from now. We look forward to tracking your progress and to our continued working together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew
Director
Institute of Museum and Library Services