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Mr. Lee Ellis
Policy Administrator for Gov Domains
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1800 F. Street, NW
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Dear Mr. Ellis:

I am writing to express the support of the Government Printing Office (GPO) for a Federal Web portal called LAW.GOV at the Law Library of Congress to collect, preserve, and manage Federal legal materials.

GPO's core mission, *Keeping America Informed*, has statutory antecedents dating to 1813, when Congress determined the need to make congressional and other official Government information available to the public through a system of depository libraries. GPO has an extensive history of collaboration with the Library of Congress in carrying out this mission. In view of the Law Library of Congress's depth and breadth of experience, we believe that the location of this Web portal at the Law Library of Congress makes fundamental sense and will provide the public with the broadest possible range of options for accessing Federal legal materials.

GPO is well-positioned to provide essential support to the Law Library of Congress in offering this Web portal service. To provide for the authentication of official Government documents, including legal materials, we have begun implementing digital signatures to electronic documents that not only establish GPO as a trusted information disseminator, but also provide the assurance that an electronic document has not been altered since GPO disseminated it. A Web portal for legal materials at the Law Library of Congress will require document authentication, and GPO is prepared to provide this essential support.

Again, GPO supports a Federal Web portal called LAW.GOV at the Library of Congress's Law Library to serve as a central repository of all Federal legal materials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RTAPELLA', written over a horizontal line.

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