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Resolution on the Changes to the IRS Tax Forms Outlet Program

WHEREAS, for 130 years the American Library Association (ALA) has promoted the ability of the public to access information important to their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Forms Outlet Program (TFOP) has been providing the public with free, tangible copies of tax forms, instructions and publications for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, federal depository and other libraries nationwide serve as convenient outlets for these publications; and

WHEREAS, libraries providing free, tangible copies of these publications offer a valuable service to the public, especially those who have limited or no access to the Internet; and

WHEREAS, the IRS recognized the importance of libraries in offering federal tax forms in a public "thank you" during National Library Week 2000; and

WHEREAS, recent changes in the TFOP were done with little or no consultation with TFOP partners; and

WHEREAS, these changes have resulted in a reduction in the range of free, tangible publications available and the number and type of libraries that may participate; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these changes in the program has, in some cases, imposed undue burdens and costs on libraries and the public in obtaining access and use of the publications; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American Library Association (ALA) work with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to reconfigure the Tax Forms Outlet Program to meet the needs of the participating libraries and the public they serve.

Policy 51, 50.3

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