



April 10, 2025

The Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.
The Honorable Susan M. Collins
The United States Senate

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
The Honorable Jared Golden
The United States House of Representatives

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators King and Collins and Representatives Pingree and Golden,

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 2025, regarding the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) Grants to States program and its impact on the citizens of Maine and the United States.

IMLS, like other federal agencies, is changing to better support the needs of the American taxpayer. For IMLS, this means changing the way support is provided through grants administration.

As we informed Senator Collins' office earlier today in response to a separate inquiry, after a program review, we have recently begun the process of resuming LSTA Grants to States payments. The Maine State Library will receive both of its pending payments no later than tomorrow.

The Grants to States program remains an important part of IMLS, and state libraries will continue to be funded under it.

Sincerely,

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