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Dear Ms. Nocek:

On behalf of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), I am writing to congratulate you for your success in defending the rights of library patrons in *Doe v. Gonzalez*. Library patron records are private documents, and libraries have a responsibility to protect patrons from unwarranted requests for these records. You deserve our gratitude for holding fast to your obligation to your patrons, and I commend you for your efforts to ensure that library records will remain private.

AALL is a non-profit educational organization with over 5000 members nationwide who make legal information available to legislators, judges, and other public officials at all levels of government, as well as to employees of corporations and small businesses, and to law professors and students, attorneys, and members of the general public. AALL's mission is to promote and enhance the value of law libraries, to foster law librarianship and to provide leadership and advocacy in the field of legal information and information policy.

Along with our sister library associations, AALL has long opposed provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act that infringe on the privacy and confidentiality of library users. Patrons should not have to feel hesitant or wary about using any of the materials and services available in libraries. The dedication you displayed not only for your job, but for librarianship as a whole is commendable. The courage you displayed in defending the privacy rights of libraries and their patrons can serve as a model for how the library community should respond to any such legal challenges in the future.

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I would like to thank you once again for being a leader in this ongoing struggle. I hope that your success will create momentum for the library community in our future interaction with government investigative agencies.

Sincerely,

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