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Dear Government Publishing Office Employees:

We want to congratulate every member of the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) on the agency's 160th anniversary of service to Congress and the American people. Since those first printers and bookbinders entered GPO's facility on March 4, 1861, the day of President Abraham Lincoln's inauguration, the men and women of GPO have done an extraordinary job of fulfilling GPO's mission of *Keeping America Informed*.

As you know, the work of Congress can often continue until the early morning hours or on weekends and holidays. We appreciate how GPO stands ready to produce the Congressional Record, bills, reports and hearings, regardless of the day or hour. We are particularly grateful for the dedication of GPO professionals who met Congress's critical needs during the past year, when the COVID-19 pandemic presented all of us with unprecedented challenges.

One of GPO's most compelling attributes is its commitment to embracing technological change. In recent years, GPO has transformed itself from its role as a traditional printer to become a leading digital publishing operation. That transformation has enabled the digitization of tens of thousands of government documents, strengthened the Federal Depository Library Program, and, through the **govinfo** website, dramatically expanded the range of public documents available to the American people at no charge. In the years ahead, we look forward to continuing to work with GPO to make certain that the critical documents that inform, sustain, and invigorate our democracy are accessible to all.

As you all celebrate 160 years of service to our country, we congratulate you all on a job well done, and we know that GPO will continue to make great contributions for decades to come.

Sincerely,



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