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## GPO DIRECTOR PRESENTS FY2024 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern presented GPO’s FY 2024 appropriations request before the U.S. House and Senate Subcommittees on Legislative Branch Appropriations in the last week.

Halpern requested appropriations in the amount of \$132,488,000, a two percent increase over GPO’s FY 2023 appropriation. This marks just the third time in a decade that GPO has requested an increase in appropriated funds. The FY 2024 request will enable GPO to:

- meet projected requirements for congressional publishing;
- fund the operation of the public information programs through which GPO administers the nationwide Federal Depository Library Program;
- implement the recently enacted Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act; and
- make capital investments and information technology upgrades.

“I appreciate being able to testify before the House and Senate committees and outline GPO’s priorities for the coming year. We are hoping to build upon the accomplishments and progress made during fiscal year 2022,” said Director Hugh Nathaniel Halpern. “We closed FY 2022 in the black for the second straight year, with a net positive income of \$26.2 million.”

Director Halpern highlighted GPO accomplishments and initiatives:

- named one of America’s Best Midsize Employers by Forbes;
- named one of America’s Best Employers for Veterans by Forbes;
- released an ambitious five-year strategic plan covering fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2027;
- conveyed to Congress a set of legislative proposals consistent with those of the Task Force on a Digital Federal Depository Library Program;
- completed the transition from the production of the ePassport to the Next Generation Passport;
- produced more than 18 million passports for the U.S. Department of State;

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- established a Recent Graduates Program and restarted the Apprenticeship Program to ensure the future of GPO's workforce; and
- readied the Agency to execute the requirements of the Congressionally Mandated Reports Act.

The Director's Prepared Statements:

<https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/congressional-relations-pdf-files/testimonies/prepared-statement-before-the-subcommittee-on-legislative-branch-committee-on-appropriations-u-s-house-of-representatives-03-09-2023.pdf>

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