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## **Harrison Demands Texas Library & Archives Commission Cut Ties with the American Library Association After Electing a “Socialist” and “Marxist lesbian” President**

**July 20, 2023– Waxahachie, TX:** Today Representative Brian Harrison sent a letter to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission asking that they immediately cut all ties, financial and otherwise, with the American Library Association after they elected a self-proclaimed “Marxist lesbian” as president.

This shocking development caused the Montana State Library Commission to leave the ALA, and Rep. Harrison is demanding Texas’s should as well.

### **Statement by Representative Harrison:**

“Today I asked the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to immediately cut ties with the American Library Association after they elected a self-described “socialist” and “Marxist lesbian” President. Texas should be leading the fight against dangerous Marxist ideology, not subsidizing it. Taxpayer funded indoctrination has no place in Texas, and I will not allow my constituents’ money to be weaponized against them, their values, and their children.”

**Attachment: Letter to Texas State Library and Archives Commission**



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Commissioner Martha Wong  
Chair, Texas State Library and Archives Commission  
[DELIVERED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL]

July 20, 2023

Chair Wong,

Thank you for the commitment you and your fellow commissioners make to improve the lives of Texans through reading, learning, and historical preservation.

I have been made aware that **the American Library Association (ALA) has elected Emily Drabinski, a self-proclaimed "Marxist lesbian" and member of the Democratic Socialists of America as President.** This shocking information has caused the Montana State Library Commission to leave the ALA and has led state legislators across the country to demand their Commissions do the same.

**Texas should be leading the fight against Marxist ideology; not subsidizing it.**

Taxpayer funded indoctrination has no place in Texas, yet Ms. Drabinski has promised to radicalize the ALA to "advance a public agenda that puts organizing for justice at the center of library work." In 2013, she published a paper entitled, "Queering the Catalog: Queer Theory and the Politics of Correction," where she explicitly opposes library neutrality in favor of forcing librarians to become "politically engaged" from a "queer perspective."

The ALA works against parents by fighting to keep pornographic materials in public libraries under the guise of opposing "censorship." The ALA's "Office for Intellectual Freedom," states that libraries can't remove inappropriate books because "children and teens have the right to find the information they choose" and "no one has the right to make rules restricting what other people use, or to make decisions for other families." This means the ALA may be undermining Texas statues designed to protect children.

There may be no greater responsibility we share than to be good stewards of tax dollars. The vast majority of Texas voters support conservative, traditional values and the rule of law. Hard-working Texans must not be forced to fund organizations that work against their values and endanger children.

**I respectfully ask that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission do the right thing for hard working Texas parents and taxpayers by immediately cutting all ties, financial and otherwise, with the ALA. By sending tax dollars to the ALA, you are forcing my constituents' money to be weaponized against them, their values, and their children.**

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing back and working with you on this.

For Liberty,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Harrison", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian Harrison