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Dear Ms. Leitch:

Re: LiRN Business Case Deadline

I am writing you to ask that LiRN provide the county and district law associations with an additional extension of time to submit their business cases for the utilization of any library grant money which has previously been reserved.

We understand that LiRN wants this money used properly and that, if Associations are able to articulate a clear business case for reserve funds that are library related, it is your plan to return clawbacked funds. At our November plenary a number of associations expressed concerns about the short period of time for them to provide their business case. We appreciate that, as a result of this feedback, LiRN extended the deadlines for providing business case until December 31, 2022.

FOLA also understands that you are having difficulty in arranging an information session to provide an opportunity for affected associations to ask questions and gather further information about the expectations of the business case requirement. We ask that the deadline be extended until at least after that session has occurred. Ideally, this session can occur before the holiday break. If you would like us to help with setting that up, please do not hesitate to ask.

However, regardless of when that meeting occurs, several associations are concerned that they will not have enough time to provide an appropriate, evidence-based business case for LiRN's consideration. As a result, we would ask that you provide a further extension of the time to submit the business plan by January 31, 2023.

Your ongoing cooperation in respect of this matter is appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing collaboration in support of law associations and practice resource centres.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Judson (he/him/his)
Chair

