

**APPENDIX 4. REPLY FROM NCLIS CHAIRPERSON MARTHA B. GOULD TO
SENATOR JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN, AUGUST 7, 2000**

United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science

August 7, 2000

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
Ranking Democrat
Committee on Governmental Affairs
706 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-6250

Dear Senator Lieberman:²⁸⁷

I am writing this letter, on the very day Vice President Gore has announced you as his running mate, to thank you for your July 17 letter to me regarding the NCLIS study of public information dissemination reforms. I therefore am taking advantage of this opportunity to congratulate you on this momentous occasion. I am confident that your well-known dedication to our great Country's ideals, values, and traditions, could be of even greater advantage to the Nation should you serve as Vice President.

The Commission is pleased by your interest in our comprehensive assessment of the government's public information dissemination laws, policies, programs, and practices. Incorporating the two additional assessments that you requested is quite feasible, and we are very pleased to be able to accommodate your request.

The Commission is mindful of your recent endeavors to help mobilize and harness the advantages of the World Wide Web and the Internet to serve the American people. The recent interactive citizen-government website that you have undertaken with Senator Thompson and your support for e-Gov legislation are important means of bringing government information and government services to the people.

We will continue to stay in close contact with Kevin Landy of your staff to ensure that he is kept abreast of study plans and developments as they occur, and of course, we will review the findings, conclusions, and recommendations with him once they emerge.

Sincerely yours,

/signed/

Martha Gould
NCLIS Chairperson

²⁸⁷ Available at <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/liebresp.html> and <http://www.nclis.gov/govt/assess/assess.appen4.pdf>.

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