

October 24, 2016

Dear Dr. Hayden,

This will serve as my resignation effective October 29, 2016. I hope you will respect that I do not accept the reassignment to work on Library matters that was announced on Friday.

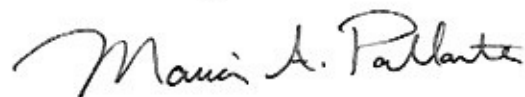
It has been a tremendous privilege to lead the U.S. Copyright Office for nearly six years. During this time, I have had the honor of working with an extraordinary staff, forward-thinking lawmakers, and dedicated officials from across the U.S. government and around the world.

A particular focus has been to modernize our copyright system to the benefit of all, including the structure, services, and authority of the Copyright Office. In pursuing this goal and addressing many other complex and challenging issues during my tenure, I have been deeply inspired by countless authors and innovators. I will forever cherish the extraordinary opportunity I have had to serve my profession and this Nation.

I would be grateful for your accommodation as I say goodbye to colleagues and collect personal items this week, and would appreciate the reinstatement of access to my computer and email so that I may appropriately archive records and remove photos of my family. I will ask someone to coordinate the details on my behalf.

Thank you, Dr. Hayden. I wish you and the Library well.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria A. Pallante". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing initial "M".

Maria A. Pallante

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