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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Chairperson
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rodney Davis
Ranking Member
Committee on House Administration
1216 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairperson Lofgren and Ranking Member Davis,

As required by Section 501 of House Resolution 756 from the 116th Congress, agreed to by the House on March 10, 2020, I am submitting this quarterly report on adopting standardized formats for legislative documents.

Legislative branch staff continue to work on the second phase of the COMPS in USLM Project to convert legacy statute compilation files into Beta USLM XML and provide access to those files on the Government Publishing Office's (GPO's) govinfo.gov.¹ This second phase involves performing data-modeling activities for the USLM schema and creating transforms to convert the compilations into Beta USLM XML. At the July 14 Bulk Data Task Force meeting, GPO announced the availability of a sample set of statute compilations in USLM on their GitHub

¹ For more information about the statute compilations and the USLM project, see the previously submitted reports at <https://cha.house.gov/sites/democrats.cha.house.gov/files/documents/Adopting%20Standardized%20Formats%20for%20Legislative%20Documents.pdf>, <https://cha.house.gov/sites/democrats.cha.house.gov/files/Clerk-QR1-StandardizedFormat.pdf>, and <https://cha.house.gov/sites/democrats.cha.house.gov/files/Clerk-QR3-StandardFormatsforLegislativeDocuments-RELEASED.pdf>.

repository at github.com/usgpo/uslm.² This sample set was made available on July 7, 2021, for public review and comment.

This same group of legislative branch staff has been performing planning and procurement activities for the next phase of the roadmap. The XML Working Group, in consultation with the Bulk Data Task Force, will continue to analyze and recommend next steps that build on the work that has already been accomplished as we work through the roadmap. As with any data standardization efforts, interoperability is a key goal, and project work must address any potential impacts on those documents and systems currently in production.

*Roadmap for Publishing Legislative Documents in USLM XML Format*³

Completed	U.S. Code
Completed	Enrolled bills, Public Laws, and Statutes at Large
IN PROGRESS <i>Nearing completion</i>	HOLC/SOLC statute compilations
IN PROGRESS <i>Initiated</i>	Remaining bill/resolution versions (introduced, reported, engrossed, all amendments, et. al.)
C	Committee Reports
D	House portions of the <i>Congressional Record</i> , including the <i>Daily Digest</i>
E	Hearing Record
F	House Calendar
G	<i>Precedents of the U.S. House of Representatives</i>
H	<i>House Journal</i>

In the next quarterly report, I will provide more details on the:

- work being performed by GPO and my staff in the Legislative Computer Systems division on GPO’s XPub and the House’s drafting application XMetaL—which is used to draft and edit legislative documents, including bills, resolutions, and amendments.
- Office of Law Revision Counsel’s Modernization Stage 3 project Coda that allows them to edit U.S. Code in USLM XML.
- discussions my staff, GPO, and the Department of Treasury are having about appropriations measures and how we may add value to the enrolled bill and public law in USLM XML related to agency, bureau, and account metadata.
- editing of other legislative documents, such as the statute compilations, statutes at large, and bills and resolutions in USLM XML.

² For more information about this meeting, including the video, visit <https://usgpo.github.io/innovation/events/2021-07-14-BDTF>.

³ For more information about this roadmap, please see page four of the initial report at <https://cha.house.gov/sites/democrats.cha.house.gov/files/documents/Adopting%20Standardized%20Formats%20for%20Legislative%20Documents.pdf>.

If you or others on the Committee have questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cheryl L. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Clerk of the House