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Dear Mr. Foderick:

Thank you for your letter of April 15, 2014, regarding the availability and cost of e-content for use by public libraries. I appreciate you taking the time to share your organization's concerns with me.

Public libraries are certainly key points of access to Canadian books and magazines. As such, I am pleased to hear that independent Canadian publishers are supplying e-content to these institutions on mutually beneficial terms. I understand that this includes book publishers who receive support through the Canada Book Fund of the Department of Canadian Heritage. Our Government is committed to ensuring that Canadian cultural content is created and accessible at home and abroad.

While I am grateful for your offer, I regret that I am unable to meet with the Toronto Public Library Board E-Book Working Group at this time. However, a departmental official would be pleased to do so. I encourage you to contact Mr. Jean-François Bernier, Director General, Cultural Industries, by telephone at 819-997-5918 to discuss your organization's concerns further.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Shelly Glover, P.C., M.P.

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