## **Remarks of Michelle Cosby**

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I am Michelle Cosby, President of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Thank you for giving AALL the opportunity to speak today. AALL is the only national association representing nearly 4,000 members who are law librarians and legal information professionals. AALL members range from private law firms, law schools, and government law libraries. We have a unique understanding of how Regulations.gov is used in the legal information industry and we are pleased to have the opportunity to offer our perspective.

As physical libraries have closed in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, law librarians and legal information professionals have rapidly shifted to providing services electronically. Through this transition, online government information and government websites such as Regulations.gov have been essential to supporting the continued legal information needs of attorneys, law students, and the public. In the midst of the current crisis, the value of Regulations.gov clearly extends far beyond providing the public with a means of commenting on proposed rules and learning more



recommends that GSA link to other authoritative guides about administrative law, such as those produced by many academic and government law libraries. Two excellent examples are online guides produced by the Law Library of Congress and Georgetown Law Library.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide these comments today. AALL looks forward to future opportunities to engage with GSA as the agency pursues the modernization of its electronic rulemaking management program.