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Dear Connecticut Legislators:

I can not be present at tomorrow night's hearing, but I do have strong views about the proposed cuts to library spending.

First, I want to address Connecticutcar. This is a vital program to all public libraries, their patrons and their communities. This service allows patrons to return items to any public library in the state. It also allows patrons to obtain materials from any library in the state. No library can possibly house everything a particular patron might need or want. This service helps everyone in the state regardless of where they live, their age or ability to pay. Not everyone in the state has access to on-line services such as kindle or nook.

Second, I would like to address CLC ( Connecticut Library Consortium). This service helps all libraries be able to finance special data bases, computer access and more. Through the CLC we have been able to add databases for children as well as early childhood computers at a more affordable rate. once again providing access to the less fortunate.

Grants to public libraries allow libraries to look to the future to provide innovative programming as well as improve facilities. Towns can not carry that burden alone with so much already on their plates.

I know we still face economic problems in the state of Connecticut. But the above programs and policies have proved to be financially helpful to the most vulnerable in our state. Please reconsider your budget cuts to Connecticut Libraries..

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