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Subject: Proposed cuts to library funding in CT

I find it shocking to learn of the proposed budget cuts to library funding in the Governor's proposed budget.

The importance of public libraries in the education and enrichment of the lives of all our citizens is so unique and significant that the proposed funding cuts would seem to be an act of treason. Terrorists could not do more to incapacitate these highly important public institutions on whom so many rely and whose existence has been a cornerstone of public education in this country since their inception.

The resources and programs made available to me from my earliest childhood were and continue to be great contributions to my education and the subsequent value I have been able to give back in a successful career of public service and non-profit volunteer work throughout my life. I am quite certain that I am not alone in that experience.

The proposed cuts seem to be truly unconscionable. Please restore and maintain full funding and resources of the State of Connecticut in support of local libraries throughout the State.

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