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To Whom This Will Concern:

The Governor's budget proposes to eliminate funding for Connecticard, CLC and Grants to Public Libraries. Legislation has also been introduced that would repeal the statutes that authorize these programs. **These cuts will directly affect my public libraries and my community.**

I count on my library for availability of books, CDs, reference aids, computers for research, studying, etc. They also host informative programs on a variety of subjects, have book clubs (I belong to two of them) for people of all ages and reading contests for people of all ages to encourage reading and promote literacy in my community. They have numerous programs for teens, tweens, grammar school-aged children and toddlers.

We live in a very rural town and cutting funding to our library would definitely have negative impacts on our Community. There is nothing else in our area that will be able to replace the plethora of needs that libraries meet.

I sincerely hope you will consider this letter as a plea to keep the libraries' already very small funding programs intact.

Sincerely,

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