



# The Beacon Falls Public Library

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Dear members of our CT State Legislature,

Legislation has been proposed to eliminate funding for Connecticard, CLC and Grants to Public Libraries. Legislation has also been introduced that would also repeal the statutes that authorize these programs. These programs are vital to our community and their elimination will have a drastic impact on our ability to serve our library patrons.

Being a very small library (1200 sq. ft.) in a small town of just over 6,000 residents, we depend on the Connecticut Library Consortium for the many discounts they provide our library. Through them, we are able to provide Tumblebooks (an electronic children's book platform), JobNow (a resource for jobseekers), Movie Licensing (giving us the ability to screen movies for our patrons young and old) and much more. CLC organizes very important professional development opportunities for our three full-time staff members to attend. Without their assistance, it would be very costly to get these materials and services and our library patrons and job seekers would suffer.

Please do not repeal the statutes that authorize these all important programs.  
Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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