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To Whom It May Concern at the Appropriations Committee:

**SAVE CT LIBRARY FUNDING!**

We have been members of Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC) for over 30 years. They enable us to buy more materials because they negotiate discounts from vendors for their members. **We pay \$480 a year to CLC and in return we are able to save over \$20,000 from our vendors.**

**Last year CLC saved all its members (academic, public, school and special libraries) \$6.2 million dollars!** To not fund this consortium would be tantamount to directly reducing library budgets. We already struggle with funding from our towns.

We understand that budgets are tight and the economy has not recovered but libraries are here to help the people who need to find work, who don't have computers or internet at home, and people who want to expand their minds. We save them money by providing resources to them.

In addition please do not repeal this bill: Governor's Bill No. 942, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING EDUCATION, would repeal Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 11-9e that defines state-supported cooperative library service units - the official terminology for CLC. If this bill is enacted, new legislation would be required before CLC could ever be funded again.

Please reconsider the cuts you are making to the State Library budget, CT Library Consortium, and leave the Governor's Bill 942 alone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Hasskarl".

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