

It was Lady Bird Johnson who said "Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest."

I vehemently oppose the 30% reduction in the funding for the state library. These cuts would cause the elimination of the state C-Car system that transports books between libraries which would shut down the interlibrary loan and LION borrowing system. The East Lyme Public Library alone receives up to 30 bins of material with each delivery. Proposed cuts would eliminate the Connecticut Library Consortium which saves the library thousands of dollars a year in discounts.

I do not pretend to know how you are going to come up with the necessary elimination of programs to "fit the budget requirements". I only ask that you consider the ramifications of what you are about to do and how it will affect the quality of life for so many of us who call Connecticut our home.

Sincerely,

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