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Senator/Assembly Member XX

Coverage

Address

City, State, Zip

Dear Senator/Assembly Member XX,

On behalf of the libraries and library systems in the [DISTRICT INFORMATION - for example, 62nd Senate district], including all of us here at [INSTITUTION NAME], we would like to express our deepest appreciation for your perseverance in advocating for increased library funding during the recent budget negotiations. By increasing the previous year's funding levels for libraries, you have made a positive impact on the greatest number of people in your district. Thank you for being a library services advocate.

* **State Aid for Libraries (Operating Aid): $103.852 million -** *+$4.252 million from FY 2024*
* **State Aid for Library Construction: $44 million -** *+$10 million from FY 2024*
* **Library Materials Aid: $6.25/Pupil -** *Flat to FY 2024*
* **NOVELny: $3 million -** *New allocation for FY 2025*

These increases will positively impact library staffing levels, increase their capacity for library resource distribution, and fund more construction projects to update library spaces in our region. Thanks to this year’s allocation for NOVELny, libraries across the state are now able to continue providing equitable access to major databases for another year to their patrons and students without impacting local budgets. We trust this funding will continue annually to provide consistency in resources and access.

Ensuring equitable access to information resources is vital for the individual welfare of residents and for local education, healthcare, and workforce development. While we believe grassroots, locally led solutions will be best suited to meet the unique needs of diverse communities, the ongoing support and active engagement of our state policymakers are essential for success. We hope you will further advance the work of libraries by sponsoring upcoming legislative initiatives related to strengthening library services, such as protecting access to library resources and increasing the library materials aid to school libraries. Let us continue working together for the benefit of all people in both your district and around the state.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[TITLE]

[INSTITUTION]