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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health &
Human Services, and Education
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health &
Human Services, and Education
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

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I write to urge you to support substantial federal funding for libraries in fiscal year 2018. In particular, we support funding for programs covered under the Library Services Technology Act and the Innovative Approaches to Literacy Program. Both of these well-established programs deliver critical funding that helps libraries nationwide serve as anchors in their communities and expand access to knowledge and job training. Libraries also provide the public a rich array of academic, cultural and practical information.

Libraries serve as a community hub in many locations and help grow America's economy. We know the funding provided through the Library Services Technology Act and the Innovative Approaches to Literacy Program garners a return far more valuable than its initial investment. We therefore urge Congress to maintain a substantial investment in our nation's academic, research, school and community libraries.

Thank you,

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Chairman, Elsevier

cc: The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
cc: The Honorable Nita Lowey, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee