

May 25, 2022

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair, Subcommittee on Labor,
Health and Human Services, Education, and
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate & White House
(Washington, DC 20500)

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor,
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Dear Chair Murray and Ranking Member Blunt:

We appreciate your support for libraries by providing funding increases for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), and urge you to continue this trend in the fiscal year 2022. Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Our support helps ensure libraries have the resources to maintain vital services, and we urge the Subcommittee to continue its support for community libraries by providing additional federal resources.

Libraries have always played a vital role in our communities; they offer free access to essential information on a wide range of topics, skills and career training, and continuing services according to an American Plan for Library Services.

absorb unbudgeted costs to ensure library facilities are safe and clean environments for patrons. LSTA is more essential now than ever. It is the only federal program which helps public libraries meet community needs by providing enhanced services through technology, reach underserved populations, and retain staff while recruiting new and diverse future librarians.

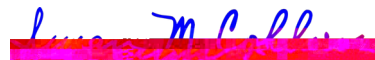
We greatly appreciate the strong support for LSTA provided by this Subcommittee in recent years, including the \$780 million appropriated in FY 2022. Increasing funding for LSTA in FY 2023 will help ensure that all Americans of all ages have access to internet, information services, academic and employment resources at public libraries. LSTA is reauthorized at \$720 million in FY 2024. We encourage the Subcommittee to continue to address the ongoing needs of libraries through increasing regular annual funding.

Thank you for your attention to this request and your continued support in sustaining and strengthening our nation's libraries.

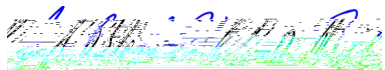
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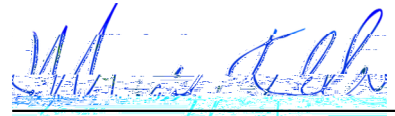
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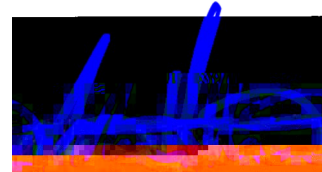
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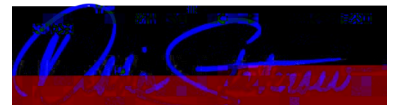
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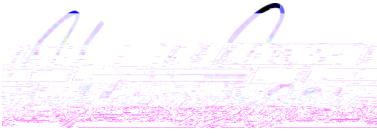
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