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Mr. Arthur P. Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in regard to the future of Federal funding for library services.

I am strongly supportive of maintaining each of the programs you mention, the Library Services and Construction Act, Title II of the Higher Education Act and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, at least at the level they received in Fiscal Year 1982. The recently passed Budget Resolution would permit spending at these levels.

I am aware of the drastic impact that the Administration's proposed cuts would have on libraries within the higher education community and I shall most definitely oppose any move to approve such reductions in the Congress.

I greatly appreciate knowing your views in regard to Federal support and want to assure you that the Government maintains a strong commitment to our libraries.

Thank you too for your kind invitation for a visit with you at the University. It would be a pleasure to do this and I will be in touch when I will be down your way.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell