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Mrs. Edwin F. Sherman, Jr.
Shelter Harbor
Westerly, Rhode Island 02891

Dear Mrs. Sherman:

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

Unfortunately, it is becoming clear that the Reagan Administration may soon propose a rescission of 49% or $29.2 million in the Library Services and Construction Act during Fiscal Year 1982 and, furthermore, may request a complete termination of all Federal library support in Fiscal Year 1983.

I am well aware of the drastic impact that such legislation would have on the library community in Rhode Island and I shall most definitely oppose any move to approve these proposals in Congress.

I appreciate knowing your views in regard to Federal support and want to assure you that I will do all I can to see that the government maintains a strong commitment to our libraries.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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