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Honorable Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6300

Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for your letter encouraging the Administration to include library programs in the 1993 budget request.

I share your views regarding the importance of libraries to American communities, and as you may know, President and Mrs. Bush expressed their support at the recent White House Conference. In addition to the other needs they serve, libraries must be included among the resources to help us achieve the National Education Goals, especially the goals related to school readiness, literacy, and lifelong learning.

We are in the process now of formulating our 1993 budget. Deciding how to allocate funds among many worthy and important Department programs presents some difficult decisions, but we will keep your recommendation in mind as we consider how we can best use resources to assist America achieve its National Education Goals.

Sincerely,

William D. Hansen
Acting Assistant Secretary