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Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Pell :

I am writing to urge you to do all you can to support S. 266 (Elementary and Secondary School Library Media Act) which is being attached to S. 1513 (ESEA Revision).

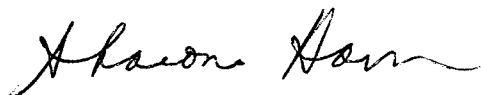
The cost of books has doubled in the past ten years. Yet we are operating on budgets that are often less, in real dollars, than they were ten years ago. That means purchasing half the number of books than we used to during a time known as the "information explosion".

School Library Media Centers must invest in computer networks in order to provide students with access to the information and research techniques they will need to be effective workers in the twentieth century.

Please do all you can to see that S.266 passes.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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