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April 17, 1989

Senator Claiborne Pell  
United States Senate  
Russell Office Building, Room 335  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

The Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) want to express to you, to Congressman Williams, and to the members of your respective subcommittees our great appreciation for the joint hearing April 11, 1989 on the reauthorization of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA). We thank you for making it possible for so many librarians, library trustees, and library users to be present to hear the testimony and the incisive and informative statements and questions from members of the subcommittees.

We were pleased to hear your closing remarks on the schedule for reauthorization, because we are concerned that there be no disruption in library services dependent upon LSCA on September 30.

In view of your plans for early action, Chief Officers who administer LSCA in the states met April 12 and 13 to review the act in detail. We enclose the six recommendations for your consideration in reauthorization. Points one through five are identical to those which Gary Strong, State Librarian of California, attached to his April 11 testimony. Point six is based both upon our long experience for the LSCA program and the dialogue between the subcommittee members and Mr. Kolb representing the Department of Education.

We are grateful to the Congress for leadership in recognizing over the years the need for updates and expanding the LSCA program to meet new and changing needs. Much of the success of the program is attributable to the fact that Congress has recognized state level planning and needs assessment. We believe the state/federal partnership will best serve the people in each state and territory.

I am also enclosing the January 8 and March 20 statements by the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies on the importance of LSCA to millions of Americans for inclusion in the record of the hearings.

Very truly yours,

*Richard M. Cheski*

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Chief Officers of State Library Agencies

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