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Ms. Merrily B. Taylor
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Dear Ms. Taylor:

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 important programs you mention, the Library Services and Construction Act and Title II of the Higher Education Act, at least at the level they received in Fiscal Year 1982. I am continuing to follow the appropriations process closely particularly in regard to the library funding.

I am aware of the domestic 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 you to know that I will do all I can to assure that the government maintains a strong commitment to your libraries.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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