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Coalition Of Library Advocates

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December 8, 1987

The Honorable Robert T. Stafford
United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510

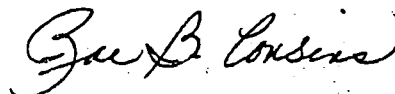
Dear Senator Stafford:

It has come to the attention of the Rhode Island Coalition of Library Advocates that legislation which would authorize a second White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services is currently pending in the Senate. COLA is a grassroots organization consisting of lay and professional people concerned about library services. We feel it is critical that determination as to use of Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) funds reside with each state. This would enable local citizenry to play an active role in the process of maintaining and improving library and information services.

In this interest COLA is requesting that the Senate eliminate mention of LSCA funds from the White House Conference legislation. The wording of the House bill, which does not refer to LSCA funds, would facilitate this process of local participation.

We thank you in advance for any support you may lend in this regard.

Sincerely yours,



Rae B. Cousins
Secretary