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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you on behalf of Robert Wedgeworth who has been nominated by the American Library Association to serve as a Presidential appointee on the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. It is my understanding that there are currently six vacancies on the Commission.

Mr. Wedgeworth is particularly well qualified to serve on this important Commission in light of his distinguished career in the library field. From 1972 until 1985 he served as the Executive Director of the American Library Association, one of the most prominent library positions in the country. In this capacity he administered a staff of 250 people and three national offices and gained the respect of the national library community.

Following his tenure as chief executive officer of the ALA, Mr. Wedgeworth was named Dean of the School of Library Services at Columbia University, a post he continues to hold. He has published extensively and been active in library causes since receiving his graduate degree in library science in 1961 from the University of Illinois.

I have the highest regard for Mr. Wedgeworth's abilities and know that he would be a distinguished and valued member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. I enthusiastically commend him to you and ask that you give his candidacy every consideration.

With regard and respect, I am

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education, Arts & Humanities