



Oh no!!! Here we go again....

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On May 6th, PA Senators passed a budget slashing library funding

Our state funds would be **CUT IN HALF**,
and the state services we depend on would be cut by **80%**

PLEASE communicate with the Governor and all of your legislators that in a recession, libraries are **BUSIER** and **MORE CRUCIAL** than ever!

A handwritten letter--just a sentence or two--is quick and has maximum impact.

Suggestion: 1. Give a personal example of why your local library is important to you, your family, or your community, then 2. add one of the following talking points in your own words:

A. **Demand** for library services **is up** dramatically during this recession.

B. Libraries all across Pennsylvania are **busier than ever** serving people looking for work, families on tight budgets, and retirees grappling with shrinking savings.

C. Pennsylvania's librarians experience the recession every hour of every workday and they see the real growing **need for more library services precisely because of the recession.**

D. Loss in funding **will result in library service cutbacks** that we can ill-afford when expanded library services can help many Pennsylvanians solve some of the problems they face in this economy.

E. During this recession, Pennsylvania's **librarians ask only for level funding** in order to meet some part of the rising demand for hours and access to computers, training classes, current books, publications, and DVDs.

F. It has been said that **no one stretches the public's dollar further** than the local librarian.

G. Cutting from libraries makes little sense. All of Pennsylvania library funding is less than three-tenths of one percent of the state budget. That's a rounding error!

E. The Senate's drastic cuts **would cause Pennsylvania to lose nearly 4 million dollars in additional federal funding.**

F. **Library users across Pennsylvania will be affected by the slashing of state-wide programs.**

Legislator contact information

If you live in Ararat, Clifford, Gibson, Harford, Harmony, Herrick, Hop Bottom, Jackson, Lanesboro, Lathrop, Lenox, Oakland, Springville, Susquehanna, Thompson, or Uniondale: **BAKER** and **MAJOR**

If you live in Bridgewater, Brooklyn, Choconut, Franklin, Friendsville, Great Bend, Hallstead, Liberty, Montrose, New Milford, or Silver Lake: **YAW** and **MAJOR**

If you live in Apolacon, Auburn, Dimock, Forest Lake, Jessup, Little Meadows, Middletown, or Rush: **YAW** and **PICKETT**

Live elsewhere in PA? Go to **www.legis.state.pa.us** or ask at your library!

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How to Get a Politician's Attention

- Face-to-face conversation **is MOST** effective
- Handwritten note **is the NEXT-MOST** effective
- Typed and signed letter **is VERY** effective
- Phone call **is effective**
- Email **is LEAST** effective--but still good!