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Assembly Member Buffy Wicks  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Wicks,

The Albany City Council strongly supports the restoration of crucial funding for California's libraries and asks for your advocacy on behalf of this vital resource for our communities. Libraries are a lifeline for individuals and families, offering essential programs, services, and resources that transform lives, particularly in underserved areas. For libraries to continue this important work, it is critical that funding cuts from the previous budget cycle be reversed.

We are deeply concerned about the following key funding issues that directly impact on the ability of libraries to serve their communities:

- Restoration of CLSA (California Library Services Act) Funding
- Restoration of Lunch at the Library Funding
- Funding Support for Library Services for School Children
- Continuation of Federal Funding for Libraries

Finally, we strongly urge your continued commitment to ensuring equitable access to libraries and information services, including supporting libraries as essential community partners in times of disaster, promoting broadband equity, and protecting the freedom to read and access diverse materials. Libraries play a critical role in the resilience of our communities, providing services that support early literacy, career development, and community well-being. We hope you will stand with us and support the restoration of funding for California's libraries in the upcoming budget cycle.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We are confident that, with your advocacy, libraries will continue to be a vital resource for all Californians.

Sincerely,

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