Your logo

May xx, 2017

Mr./Ms. xyz, M.L.A.

Dear Mr./Ms. XYZ:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of (your Library), please accept our congratulations on your successful re-election as the MLA for *pqr* on May 9th. We appreciate your commitment to representing the interests of our community in the Provincial government.

Through the Association of British Columbia Public Library Directors and the British Columbia Library Trustees Association, public libraries have made a unified request for an annual inflationary adjustment and for annual increases to be indexed in future. This request was made to the previous Ministers of Finance and Education and was recommended by the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services in their Report on the Budget 2017 Consultations.

Public libraries support the development of human capital in our local communities for long-term, economic sustainability. While our public library is a critical community asset with existing physical and digital infrastructure and well-established community partnerships, we are economically vulnerable. There has been *no increase* in Provincial funding to public libraries since 2005 and as a result, public libraries have been absorbing a year-over-year decrease to real revenue that cumulatively amounts to 19%.

We would appreciate your continued consideration of our request. We look forward to working with you in the years ahead to support the personal development of our community’s students and life-long learners.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Yours sincerely,

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Board Chair Director