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Dear Colleagues,

On March 14, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order intended to dismantle seven federal agencies, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

IMLS is the only federal agency dedicated to funding library services. Since 1997, Connecticut's libraries and museums have received more than \$90,000,000 through IMLS.

In Connecticut, IMLS funding for libraries is used to support statutorily mandated library infrastructure, support, and services. These services directly benefit all of Connecticut's residents, but particularly the most vulnerable. IMLS funds are used to support a number of initiatives and institutions, including but not limited to the Connecticut Library for Accessible Books, the libraries of the Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot tribes, services for veterans and military families, digital connectivity and navigation, early literacy programs, summer reading and enrichment programs, and statewide database and digital library services. Connecticut's statewide reciprocal borrowing and interlibrary loan programs are also dependent on this funding.

Dismantling IMLS is nothing less than an assault on our nation's repositories for history, culture, knowledge, enrichment, and community. This Executive Order will have a devastating effect on libraries and museums in Connecticut and across the country.

The Connecticut Library Association calls on the current administration to withdraw the Executive Order eliminating IMLS and recommit to supporting the funding, maintenance, and development of America's libraries and cultural institutions.

## **YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED**

We need library supporters from all over the state to reach out to your U.S. Congresspeople, to tell them how important this funding is and ask them to champion libraries.

Connecticut's Washington delegation has historically been very supportive of libraries - but we mean it when we say that **every voice still matters** on this.

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*On Behalf of the CLA Executive Board*