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We need your help....



INSTITUTE *of* Museum *and* Library SERVICES

Dear Patron:

The White House budget that was released on March 16, 2017 calls for eliminating the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS), the only federal agency charged with providing support to the nation's hundreds of thousands of libraries and museums. We need your help to ensure that IMLS is saved, because without libraries our community members, especially our children, will not have the resources and support they need to succeed in school and prepare for college, careers, and life.

Through IMLS, every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. territories receive funding to support their state's libraries and museums. In FY14 the total funding IMLS distributed to states and territories was \$154,800,000. In addition, IMLS offers competitive grant opportunities that individual libraries and museums can apply for. In FY14 they awarded 594 grants (from 1,299 applications) totaling more than \$54,700,000.

In Michigan, MeL is funded by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) via the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Additional funding is provided by the State of Michigan. MeL provides all Michigan residents with free access to online full-text articles, full-text books, digital images, and other valuable research information at any time via the Internet; and provides an easy-to-use interlibrary loan system which allows Michigan residents to borrow books and other library materials for free from participating Michigan libraries.

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:



Call your representatives and senators. Tell them:

Hello, my name is _____. As a voter and as a member/supporter of the American Library Association, I'm calling to ask the Senator/Representative to oppose the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which the White House budget is proposing to do. Libraries help our nation's children, students, and adults from all walks of life succeed in school and prepare for college careers and life. Without libraries, our nation will not have a trained workforce or productive citizens. Libraries depend on funding from IMLS in order to provide the services and resources students and adults depend on for learning, especially those from low-income families. Please take action to ensure that IMLS is not eliminated and gets the funding it needs to help our nation's people. Through IMLS, every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. territories receive funding to support their state's libraries and museums. In FY14 the total funding IMLS distributed to states and territories was \$154,800,000 which was shared among our nation's 16,500 public libraries. [IF YOU LIKE, SHARE A BRIEF EXAMPLE OF HOW YOUR LIBRARY HELPS Community – kids, teens, adults]. Thank you for your time.

Sample Email:

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Thank you for your help.