

***Cutting libraries during a recession is like cutting hospitals during a plague - Eleanor Crumblehulme***

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Representative Danielle Friel Otten  
631 Pottstown Pike  
Exton, PA 19341

Dear Representative Friel Otten –

I want to strongly support reopening of the 2020-2021 budget by the legislature to restore funding for public libraries. The current 5/12<sup>th</sup> appropriation equals a 58% reduction from 2019 annual funding for the Henrietta Hankin Branch Library. Result is a potential decrease of over \$50,000 specific to my library.

This decrease in funding will cause severe, negative effects on the programs and services that our community library provides your constituents.

I use resources, including public computers and open access to high-speed WiFi, available through the Hankin Branch Library to –

- Look for a job
- Secure benefits
- Enhance professional skills
- Work
- Study
- Foster learning with children’s programs – Story Times, Music & Movement, Girls Who Code
- Engage in our community through adult programs
- Additional activities - \_\_\_\_\_

I’m relying on you to keep libraries funded as a resource for each of your constituents. I understand that this year provides funding challenges. That said – funding for libraries is a critical element in furthering education and economic development in our community.

Thank you for consideration.

Signed - \_\_\_\_\_ Date - \_\_\_\_\_

Name - \_\_\_\_\_

Address - \_\_\_\_\_

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