

# Sample letter

Your Name  
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Dear (Senator Husted or Representative Blair),

I am contacting you today to express my concern over the proposed cut to the Public Library Fund (PLF). Approximately 70% of our state's libraries are funded solely through the PLF. Cutting this fund will result in closures, layoffs, and reduced hours in libraries throughout Ohio. You know first hand the quality of library we have here in Centerville – thanks in large part to a local operating levy. But make no mistake, even with that additional funding, the proposed cuts to our state funding will result in fewer materials and services for our fine citizens.

These proposed funding cuts come at a time when Ohio's public libraries are experiencing unprecedented increases in demands for services. Check out of materials is up 10% this year and library visits are up by 15%. People are using their public library more than ever! That cuts would be made to the PLF at this time affects those who need the library most during these rough economic times: the unemployed, who use library resources for job seeking, and children, whose education should always be our first priority. However, it is unlikely that many of Ohio's public libraries can remain open with these proposed cuts.

Please do as much as you can to help reject the Governor's proposed cut on the PLF and Save Ohio's libraries.

Sincerely,

(Your Name Here)