February 1, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House H-232, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

On behalf of the 57,000 members of the American Library Association (ALA), I urge Congress to quickly enact Fiscal Year 2022 funding with increases for vital library programs. Congress must make this a top priority.

In recognizing the important role of libraries in communities and schools, the House last year passed the LHHS spending bill which included a \$9 million increase for the Library Services and Technology Act (for a total of \$206 million), while the Senate draft included a \$6 million increase for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy program (\$34 million). ALA supports these levels; however, t