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Dear Ms McGinnis

Recently we have become concerned about the future of library services, as it appears that actual funding will be cut next year and possibly in future years.

As an organisation that highlights the issues impacting families of disabled children, we have developed a close working relationship with the Library Service. Our organisation relies heavily on information provision to families of disabled children and those who work with families. The library service has been exemplary in working in partnership with us in developing this critical part of our work - sourcing information, displaying our materials, attending our conferences with relevant library materials and also working with our disabled children. Staff have also taken part in our training.

All of this has been offered freely to our Group, but we appreciate that all of this is a draw on the library's resources and there is a distinct possibility that if there are any cutback on investment in libraries, it will affect us and our families. There will be a distinct gap in our provision, which is dependant on partnership working, if libraries are not resourced adequately.

At this stage we would urge you and your colleagues to promote library services by ensuring that there is adequate investment. In the last ten years our work has been enhanced by library support, we would now like to support them.

Yours



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