



Corporate Committee for Library Investment

Corporate Committee for Library Investment Issues Statement in Response to White House 2019 Budget Proposal

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. – February 14, 2018 – The [Corporate Committee for Library Investment](#) (CCLI), an organization of more than 90 U.S. corporations united to support federal library funding, believes that the proposed cuts to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) damage critical economic and educational infrastructure. We urge Congress to restore full federal funding for America's libraries in the FY2019 budget.

Like last year, CCLI's message to members of Congress remains the same: libraries are worth the investment. Libraries and library businesses themselves spend more than \$8 billion on goods and services provided by thousands of businesses. They bring leaders, experts, entrepreneurs, veterans, students and other community members together to solve difficult problems— from access to opportunity and academic success, to work-readiness and literacy. Furthermore, they launch careers, spark passions and offer countless materials, programs and services to bolster the overall health and wellness of the communities which they, and CCLI companies, serve.

CCLI does business in every state in the nation, collectively generating several billion dollars in annual revenue, employing thousands of people and financially enabling scores of other businesses in our supply and service chains to hire thousands more. The health of our businesses, our workers and all of our communities is inseparable from the health of libraries and their full federal funding.

NOTE: *This press release was issued on behalf of CCLI by Gale, a Cengage company who is a co-founder of the organization.*

About CCLI

The Corporate Committee for Library Investment (CCLI) is an organization of businesses of all kinds united by the common belief that America's libraries are business-building, job-creating, workforce-preparing engines of the U.S. economy in every corner of the country. CCLI will work to maximize federal funding for the nation's libraries by educating Congress and other federal policymakers about the extraordinary value to businesses and taxpayers of federal investment in America's libraries of all kinds.