

Help RUSA Save Federal Funding for Libraries!

The [White House budget](#) calls for eliminating the [Institute of Museum & Library Services](#) (IMLS), the only federal agency charged with providing support to the nation's hundreds of thousands of libraries and museums. Use the sample messages below to contact the offices of your members of Congress, and encourage others to do the same.

Sample Tweet

[INSERT YOUR REP'S TWITTER HANDLE] Ppl depend on #libraries to succeed in school, jobs, communities and more! Say NO to cutting @US_IMLS! #SaveIMLS

- *Here are the Twitter handles for [US Senators](#) and [Representatives](#)*

Sample Email

To Whom It May Concern:

As one of your constituents as a member/supporter of the [Reference and User Services Association \(RUSA\)](#), I am writing to ask that you oppose the elimination of the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#), which the White House budget is proposing to do. Libraries help people of all ages to succeed in school, jobs, their communities and their everyday lives. Without libraries, our nation will lose access to those skilled in finding authoritative information resources needed for personal, academic and professional growth. Librarians are essential in learning how to be financially literate, knowing the latest and greatest books and music, helping entrepreneurs build 3D prototypes, to gather business research and data, providing resources for people with disabilities, helping people develop their family trees, and helping create a nation of learners, readers, thinkers and makers. Libraries depend on funding from IMLS to provide the services and resources people depend on, especially those in low-income households. Please take action to ensure that IMLS is not eliminated and gets the funding it needs to help our nation grow and succeed. [IF YOU LIKE, SHARE A BRIEF EXAMPLE OF HOW YOUR LIBRARY OR LIBRARIAN HELPS YOUR COMMUNITY]. To learn more about how libraries support their communities, check out [I Love Libraries](#). Thank you for your time.

- *Find contact information for your members of Congress here: <http://cqrcengage.com/ala/home>*

Sample Script for phone call

Hello, my name is _____. As a voter and as a member/supporter of the Reference and User Services Association, I'm calling to ask the Senator/Representative to oppose the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which the White House budget is proposing to do. Without libraries, our nation will lose access to those skilled in finding authoritative information resources needed for personal, academic and professional growth. Librarians are essential in helping create a nation of learners, readers, thinkers and makers. Libraries depend on funding from IMLS to provide the services and resources people depend on, especially those in low-income households. Please take action to ensure that IMLS is not eliminated and gets the funding it needs to help our grow and succeed. [IF YOU LIKE, SHARE A BRIEF EXAMPLE OF YOUR LIBRARY OR LIBRARIAN HELPS YOUR COMMUNITY]. Thank you for your time.

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