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Dear Mr. Michael Penrod,

The Library of Congress, located in Washington, D.C., but accessible worldwide through its website, offers an amazing array of educational resources. Two years ago I shared with you about one of the Library's great opportunities, the Surplus Books Program, and I would like to offer the opportunity to participate in this program once again.

The Library of Congress has available at all times, for donation to educational institutions, public bodies and nonprofit tax-exempt organizations in the United States, surplus books which are not needed for the Library's own uses. The surplus book collection includes primarily soft and hard-bound books, but also a few audio and video recordings, maps, as well as children's materials. Please find additional information provided in the enclosed brochure.

With the tough economy and a strained state budget, libraries have experienced a significant loss of funding in Ohio. I understand that this has been detrimental to growth and the services that libraries in the Fifth District of Ohio may provide. If your library would be interested in receiving supplemental materials from the Library of Congress' Surplus Books Program, please contact my staff member, Bethany Peck, at (202) 225-6405 to inquire about what books and materials are available. These books would be free of charge to you, and Bethany will be able to facilitate the delivery of the materials to your library.

I am hopeful that the Library of Congress Surplus Books Program will be a great asset to your library, and in turn, the community you serve. It is my great honor to serve as your Member of Congress and it is my number one priority to represent you and the best interests of the Fifth Congressional District. Please do not hesitate to call, write, or e-mail me in the future with any other matters relating to this issue or other issues that may arise.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Latta
Member of Congress

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