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Contact Your Representative ASAP About FY 2008 Funding

This afternoon, the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over several library programs, recommended funding levels for fiscal year (FY) 2008.

The Subcommittee's recommendation included an overall funding level of \$253,517,000 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a small increase of \$6,373,000 over last year. However, the total requested for IMLS is \$17 million under the President's budget request for FY 2008. For the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program, the Subcommittee recommended a small increase of \$1 million, bringing the total funding to \$20,486,000.

Action needed: Please contact your Representative and tell him/her, before the full Appropriations Committee meets on Thursday, June 14, he/she must contact someone on the Appropriations Committee and tell them to include the President's request of \$226.18 million for LSTA.



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