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# Help save your library funding

## What you can do NOW

You saved the Public School Library Act line item last year with your phone calls, letters and visits detailing why we need to be a separate and distinct line item. We need to do it again! Come back and check the [CSLA Web site](#) regularly for alerts on what other action is needed. The students of California are depending on **You**.

**Fax a letter to your own legislators thanking them for their efforts in retaining minimum funding through the 2002-2003 midyear budget adjustments.**

Our lobbyist has told us that real paper letters are the most effective. But there's no time for "snail mail." Fax is second best but still very good; it gives legislators a piece of paper to put in a stack. Email is dead last, but it is better than nothing.

To get your senator's fax number, go to [www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html). Clicking on the name of the senator will take you to his/her homepage. All the contact information is on the bottom right of each page.

### What to say

Read "[What to say](#)" on our site to help you with your letter.

### Background

This year's Library Act funds (2002-2003) are at risk. Proposals range from making additional cuts on categorical funds to pulling back the Library Act funds because they have not yet been distributed by CDE.

The Library Act funds have already been severely reduced by 80%, from \$158 million to \$32 million, and are facing an additional proposed 10.6% cut.

These documents may help you form arguments for your letter:

[What can I do?](#)

[School Library funding chart](#)

[School Library books per student](#)

[School Library position paper](#)

[English/Language Arts Content Standards](#)

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