

Script for writing AND calling your legislators—it's so important that they hear from us:

Dear [Senator/Representative NAME],

I am writing to you about the President's executive order calling for the "elimination" of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) "...to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law, and such entities shall reduce the performance of their statutory functions and associated personnel to the minimum presence and function required by law."

The collapse of the Institute of Museum and Library Services would have a ripple effect at the level of New York libraries, which could severely delay the state aid to my library system, the Mid-Hudson Library System. This is concerning to me because I rely on my local public library for [ADD YOUR OWN WORDS].

The 2018 Museum and Library Services Act makes it clear that IMLS is statutorily required (by Sec 9133 of the law) to send federal funding to state libraries under the Grants to States program (under Sec. 9141 of the law). While other grant programs within IMLS are discretionary, *the Grants to States program is written as a "shall"*.

It is absolutely critical that this law be uninterrupted! Please defend IMLS's Section 9141 guarantees to state libraries.

Sincerely,
[YOUR NAME]

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