March 17, 2017

The Honorable Jim Beall

California State Senate

State Capitol, 2082

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SCA 3-DODD:  55% VOTE FOR LIBRARY BOND CONSTRUCTION**

Dear Senator Beall:

My name is <NAME>, and I am writing in support of SCA 3 introduced by Senator Dodd to lower the local vote threshold for library construction bonds from the current two-thirds vote to 55%.

Our library is an essential part of our community. It not only provides books and materials, but resources and classes for lifelong learning. We serve more than 1,000,000 people every year and need the infrastructure to support serving these large numbers of visitors.

It is critical to give our local community the tools and authority to decide if they would like to levy a library bond for new construction, renovation or expansion by a 55% vote.

Every day, I see patrons who come to the library to use our computers and free internet because they do not have access at home. Even in a highly technical area like Silicon Valley, there is still a digital divide. We have one patron who lives in her car. She checks out a Chromebook so that she can email her grandchildren. Without the library’s resources, she would not be able to connect with them.

I ask you to support this important piece of legislation, which will make such a difference in the lives of constituents you serve.

Sincerely,

<NAME>
<ADDRESS>