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Representative Kimberly Dudik, Chair  
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Your support means a great deal to us. I thank you and the LFC, in particular, for working with Montana's State Librarian, Jennie Stapp, towards practical solutions towards solving our ongoing and acute revenue challenges.

We, the State Library Commission, will do all we can to help turn these two necessary recommendations into law.

Sincerely,

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