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Councilman Nicholas W. Easton
President of City Council
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City Hall
25 Dorrance St.
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Councilman Easton:

We were distressed to learn that the Providence Library no longer belongs to the Rhode Island Library Film Cooperative. This has been an important resource for our programs, and we had hoped to make even more use of it this year.

We urge that you restore funds to the library so that Providence can once again provide this fine service to the community.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Susan K. Lundgren

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Dear Mayor Paolino:

I am writing to express my distress at learning that the city of Providence has been unable to fund the Providence Public Library sufficiently so that it can continue to provide the quality of services for which it is known.

In particular, I am concerned that the Providence Public Library no longer can afford to belong to the Rhode Island Film Co-op based in Warwick. As a Coordinator of Senior Adult Education at the Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island, and as Coordinator of Informal Programming at the Harry Elkin Midrasha of the Bureau of Jewish Education (a community Hebrew high school), I have used the services of the Providence Public Library's Film Co-op many times over the past years. As a non-profit agency, the Bureau of Jewish Education budget is limited, and the Bureau looks to this service to stretch its budget.

The Bureau of Jewish Education may be a non-profit agency, but the students, both young and old, whom I teach using these films, are Providence residents, tax paying members of the Providence community. A service such as the film co-op, provided by the Providence Public Library, was an invaluable asset in the educational experience of these students.

As a Providence resident myself, I was most unhappy at your decision to cut library funds. I urge you to reconsider your reasons and reorder your priorities. Libraries and their services are crucial to a stronger community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruth Page
Bureau of Jewish Education of RI

"And the study of Torah outweighs them all"