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Dear library customer:

**We need your help to Save Ohio Libraries!**

On Friday, Governor Strickland proposed a 30% cut in public library funding, which, coupled with the 20% reduction in revenue that libraries are already experiencing, amounts to a 50% cut in funding for libraries! For the Licking County Library, this will amount to \$954,893 by the end of 2009!

Public libraries, including your Licking County Library, will have to close or drastically cut hours and services in order to survive these cuts!

The legislature must decide whether to include this proposal in the budget that they will vote on within the next few days. Please contact your state representatives and senators urging them not to let this proposal be part of the state's budget!

Additional information can be found at the Ohio Library Council - [www.olic.org](http://www.olic.org)

Also, you can contact:

1. The Governor at 614.466.3555
2. State Senator Tim Schaffer at 614.466.5838  
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Your help is critical if the Licking County Library and 250 other public library districts are to survive.

Thanks!

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