Example of phone script to your State Representative or Senator

Hello. This is ___________________. I live in Representative _______________'s (or Senator ____________) district and I'm calling to ask him/her to support funding library services, specifically increases to State Aid to Public Libraries and to Automated Networks and Technology. These are line items 9501 and 9506. State Aid to Public Libraries is down 11% from its high in 2009. Our local library very much needs State Aid to get back at least to its previous levels...and significantly more to meet what our library actually needs. It's very important that this item gets increased so that libraries all over the state will get this help.

The Automated Networks and Technology line item goes to the library networks. Each local library pays a network membership fee. That line item is down 38% lower than where it was in 2001! When that money is cut it impacts each local library budget because then local libraries have to pay more in fees to keep the networks running.

I'd appreciate it very much if Representative __________ (or Senator__________) would actively support these items. Thank you very much.

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