

June 2, 2011

Mr. Isiah Leggett  
Montgomery County Executive  
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Leggett,

On behalf of the Silver Spring Library Advisory Committee and Friends of the Library, Silver Spring chapter, we want to thank you for your leadership in recommending the restoration of funds to the Library Department budget for FY 2012.

Your early recommendations to add funding to the materials budget and for information services staff at the four "neighborhood" libraries showed a commitment to keeping our library system viable and able to serve its patrons, who comprise two out of three county residents. It was especially encouraging to see your office and the Council united in the effort to minimize further cuts.

While we still have a way to go to restore our library service capacity, your support this year has averted a precipitous decline in this service, which contributes so much to the quality of life in Montgomery County

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathlin Smith  
Chair  
Silver Spring Library Advisory Committee

Marilyn Wisoff and Nancy Pond  
Co-chairs  
Friends of the Library, Silver Spring Chapter