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The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
1232 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Alexander:

I am pleased to provide you information on accomplishments in the Quincy Library Group, as required in Senate Report 111-38 (p. 77).

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
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131 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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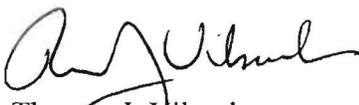
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