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Dear Library Friends,

On Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Governor Ted Strickland proposed a 50% cut to Ohio's public library fund (PLF). The PLF supports all 251 public libraries including Hudson. This drastic and unprecedented action will force the closure of many of Ohio's libraries, and severely reduce hours of operation and much needed services for the rest. For our library, this would mean, at minimum, reduced library hours including possibly Sunday and/or Saturday closure, fewer books, CDs, magazines and DVDs, cuts in children's, teen and adult programs, reductions in internet / online database access, and fewer staff to assist you.

Ohio's libraries have been slashing their budgets for many months in an attempt to maintain quality library services while working with a 20% reduction in state funding. If Governor Strickland's plan goes into effect, closures and dramatic reductions in hours of operation and services would begin immediately (July 1<sup>st</sup> 2009).

This proposed funding cut comes at a time when library use is at an all-time high and the need for library services has never been greater.

The legislative conference committee is considering the Governor's budget proposal this week and then it goes back to the state legislature for passage. Time is therefore of the essence. Please join your friends and neighbors in standing up for Ohio's libraries. Our future and the future of our families depends on your swift and decisive action.

Please contact the following individuals to express your opposition to this short-sighted proposal.

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Thank you for your support during this critical juncture.

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