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Honorable Tre Hargett  
Secretary of State  
First Floor, State Capitol  
600 Charlotte Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Secretary Hargett,

The members of Tenn-Share would like to ask for your assistance in securing funding for Tennessee libraries under the Bandwidth provisions of the President's Recovery and Reinvestment Act. We believe that, with your support and assistance, Tennessee can obtain one of the competitive grants for this funding.

Of course all aspects of library service are important, but with at-home broadband access becoming a luxury that more and more Tennesseans cannot afford, the public library's role in providing technology for public use is increasingly critical. And Tennessee libraries, particularly those in rural areas, are unable to provide good service without better broadband connections.

On the enclosed sheet you will find a list of points that we believe make the case for an initiative for a bandwidth-funding proposal to gain your support.

We request that you direct the State Library and Archives staff to develop a single grant proposal written on behalf of libraries across the state. Tenn-Share members stand ready to provide assistance and expertise in developing such a proposal.

Sincerely,

Chuck Sherrill  
President- Elect

Penny Frere  
Executive Director