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Ms. Gillian Mason  
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Dear Ms. Mason:

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 13, 2004 regarding the *Sustaining Canada's Digital Capacity: an Urban Library Strategy to Sustain Socially Inclusive ICT Networks* proposal. I have read it with great interest and I apologize for the delay of this reply.

Public libraries continue to provide invaluable services by offering digital access to the communities they serve. Moreover, library staff members offer needed training to those individuals unfamiliar with the Internet and the electronic world. They make a positive contribution by assisting citizens who would not otherwise have digital access.

As part of the 2004 Budget process, the Community Access Program (CAP) was allocated \$25 million dollars for each 2004-05 and 2005-06. Working with partners, Industry Canada continues the process of determining the allocation of CAP resources countrywide.

The Government of Canada is committed to improving awareness and access to on-line federal services. Treasury Board Officials from my department continue to work with Industry Canada and other federal departments to achieve this end.

Sincerely,

Reg Alcock

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