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Dear Dr. Hayden,

I cannot adequately express how appreciative I am for your service to the American people and to the Congress of the United States as the Librarian of Congress, or how outraged I am at your unjust and callous dismissal by President Trump.

From inspiring a love of reading as a children's librarian in Chicago to your focus at the Library of Congress on expanding access to one of the world's greatest academic and cultural resources, you have spent your career connecting people to knowledge and to one another's history and stories. That is a passion that I saw in my mother as a fellow librarian, and it will continue to be your legacy. I am grateful to have been lucky enough to work with you on that vision.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can ever be of assistance, or if you'd like to share some wisdom and insight for these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress

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There are no  
words - I am  
so sorry this  
happened to you  
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