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The Honorable Martha B. Gould
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Dear Ms. Gould,

I enjoyed meeting you and Bob Willard on February 15th to receive a copy of the Commission's report, "A Comprehensive Assessment of Public Information Dissemination." I am pleased that you were able to incorporate my request for advice on the Paperwork Reduction Act reauthorization with Senator McCain's request for ways to improve dissemination of government information.

I have just received a copy of the Commission's newest volume, containing the legislative and regulatory proposals. I look forward to reviewing these proposals, particularly the suggested amendments to the Paperwork Reduction Act as part of the Committee's review of the Act.

I want to thank the Commissioners, staff and the many volunteers who contributed their time and effort to this thorough study. The public information resources management issues it addresses are fundamental and far-reaching, and they deserve careful study.

I have learned that the President has proposed no funding for NCLIS beginning in FY 2002. The Commission's expert views on matters of public information policy are very useful to the Congress, and I am supportive of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph Lieberman