



# National Coalition For Literacy

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August 22, 2005

The Honorable Tim Johnson  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Johnson:

As President of the National Coalition for Literacy I wish to express the profound gratitude of our members for agreeing to level fund adult education state grants at \$570 million. Your taking this stand in opposition to the Administration's recommendation of a 66% cut is greatly appreciated.

We recognize that this year's budget was extremely tight and appreciate your recognition of the valuable contributions of adult education programs. Your action will make it possible for our members to continue to serve the almost 3 million out-of-school youth and adults who come to our programs each year seeking a fresh start in education or to learn English as their new language.

Thank you again on behalf of the entire adult education and family literacy community, and particularly the individuals we serve. We strongly encourage you to strive to retain this funding when the Appropriation Committee recommendation is taken up by the full Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Lipschultz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Dale Lipschultz