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The Honorable Judge Keith Self  
Collin County Judge  
Collin County Commissioners Court  
2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 4192  
McKinney, Texas 75071

Dear Judge Self,

I have just been informed that the City of Plano is electing to begin charging non-resident fees for library service and that they have asked to withdraw from the Collin County funding assistance to public libraries.

It is my understanding that the Plano Public Library System will continue to allow reciprocal (free) service to citizens of the cities of Allen, Frisco, McKinney and Wylie.

The remaining nine accredited public libraries in Collin County respectfully request that the funding level approved today at the Commissioners Court budget hearing move forward as approved, as it is our contention that Plano's action will drive patrons in cities without library service to utilize the free library service made possible by our agreements with Collin County for funding, further taxing our resources.

As you heard today, public libraries are working harder in the face of funding decreases on many levels, and we greatly appreciate your positive response to our request. We will simply remove Plano from the funding scenario, which does not affect the bottom line per capita.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Scudder, Director  
McKinney Public Library System

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