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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a stay at home mother of a four year old, a three year old and a five month old. And I am deeply saddened to hear that funding for AIL is going to be stopped. My two oldest children absolutely love reading. And I was looking forward to signing up my 5 month old once she reached a year old so she could start receiving books as well so that all my three children would get into books together. It was thanks to the Imagination Library that I started reading to my children and they enjoy it so much. My children, as well as myself, always look forward to receiving their monthly books. They love it when their books come in and tearing the plastic casing off so they can dive into their books and read to each other.

Every night my children run to their book drawer full of AIL books and pick out a book for me to read to them. They absolutely love their books. They can never get tired of me reading to them. Once they pick out a book for me to read, they keep running back and forth to their book drawer to get me a new book to read. Also, the reading level of these books has helped significantly improve my four year olds speech. And plus, I've saved a lot of money myself because of these monthly books. If I had bought the amount of books my children have received from AIL, I probably would've spent well over hundreds of dollars on books for my children.

I was so thrilled when I first learned about the imagination library. Everyone who comes over to my apartment and sees all my children's books always ask if I bought all these books for my kids and I tell them, "Of course not." I brag about the Imagination Library and I encourage anyone with children to sign up to get free books. It's one of the best things I've done for children, to sign them up. I love seeing my children's faces light up when their books come in the mail. It's like Christmas once a month for my kids and they're receiving a gift I know they'll enjoy.

So please don't stop funding for the Anchorage Imagination Library. They've honestly been a blessing for my children. I would love to keep receiving books in the mail for my kids. They keep my little one busy and in the best way possible.

Sincerely,  
Kassia Cha