

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We write today to on behalf of the National Forum on Information Literacy, Inc. to request a Presidential Proclamation declaring the month of October National Information Literacy Month.

The National Forum on Information Literacy (NFIL) is a 501c3 registered non profit that seeks to promote information literacy through advocacy, training, and research. NFIL focuses on community-based activities primarily in the areas of education, business, health, government and citizenship. At a time when more and more information comes from the Internet and media, NFIL seeks to help citizens identify appropriate informational resources, classify and manage information, evaluate the credibility, accuracy and usefulness of that information, and to disperse useful information to others.

Each year during National Information Literacy Month, the NFIL plans to engage in an information literacy awareness campaign by working in partnership with a wide spectrum of schools, businesses, and organizations to promote community based, information literacy activities. With the support of the National Education Association, American Library Association, Boston Public Library, and Purdue University, among others, NFIL proposes to promote financial literacy and awareness, health and wellness workshops, workforce development opportunities, voter registration and citizenship programs, and K-16 educational opportunities.

We ask that you give NFIL's request that October 2009 be proclaimed National Information Literacy Month, your utmost consideration.

Respectfully,



John F. Kerry
United States Senator



Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senator