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Library Colleagues,

Many of you have asked about the impact of federal funding on Minitex services. The Minitex Management Team is reviewing our service priorities and funding sources and engaging in scenario planning to determine the full impact of any reduction or elimination of federal funding. I appreciate that we are in a time of significant challenges and uncertainty for Minitex staff and the library community.

Given Minnesota's budget forecast and the current uncertainty of IMLS, we are working through two scenarios for the next biennium:

- flat state funding and flat federal funding.
- · flat state funding with no federal funding.

Details on Minitex funding sources and uses are attached. Please note that databases and the Minnesota Digital Library are state funded, though federal funding has been used for outreach and instruction and accessibility enhancements for those services.

A total loss of federal funds cannot be absorbed by our budget. Should that happen, we need to creatively rethink Minitex services. This will be done in conjunction with the <u>Minitex Policy Advisory Council</u> and with input from the Minitex community.

Although at this time we don't know how each service will be impacted, it's likely that all Minitex services will be impacted if federal funds are lost. We anticipate interlibrary loan, courier service, and database access to continue, but may have reduced functionality.

We are committed to our mission to strengthen libraries, cultural institutions, and communities and will continue to work with Minnesota Library Association on state and national advocacy issues. We will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Maggie Snow, Director

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