



June 23, 2005

The Honorable _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: FREEDOM TO READ

Dear _____

We write on behalf of the more than 18,000 members of the ACLU of Pennsylvania to express our disappointment for your recent vote against the "Freedom to Read" proposal offered by Representative Sanders. This proposal denies funding for FBI access to library and bookstore records under section 215 of the USA Patriot Act.

We are particularly disappointed since this was the first vote that Congress has taken on the USA Patriot Act this year. We hope that you will join your colleagues in Congress in the future and cast votes for other measures that will restore checks and balances and truly preserve our fundamental freedoms.

Very truly yours,

Nancy Hopkins
Executive Director

Larry Frankel
Legislative Director