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Norma Santiago, Chair
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisor Santiago:

This letter is in support of the contract for services between First 5 El Dorado Children and Families Commission and the El Dorado County Public Library. In 2007, an agreement was initiated to provide services to families with young children, The Ready to Read @Your Library. The program was successful and in 2009 expanded to all libraries in the county. The Commission has established the Ready to Read @ Your Library as one of the six core Initiatives and the intention as designated by the strategic plan will provide funding for the next five years.

The Commission is pleased to promote and provide support for the program. The library programs are highly successful, well attended. Parents of young children utilize the library programs to socialize, learn new ways to interact with their children and connect with other parents. Library staff consistently receives positive comments and feedback regarding the significance of the activities and ideas presented. The Commission is pleased to sponsor this program and will continue to collaborate with library staff.

It is a privilege to work with such an outstanding innovative group of people from each of the libraries. They have made the library in each community a centralized place for positive experiences for families with young children.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Thaxton, PhD
Executive Director

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