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The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair
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The Honorable David Tangipa, Vice Chair
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The Honorable David Alvarez, Chair
Assembly Committee on Budget
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1021 O Street, Suite 8230
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RE: FY 2026-27 Budget Request for Truckee Library

Dear Chair Gabriel, Vice Chair Tangipa, and Chair Alvarez,

I respectfully request your consideration of a \$1 million General Fund appropriation in the 2026–27 state budget to support construction of the Truckee Regional Library, a multi-jurisdictional project serving residents of Nevada and Placer counties.

The proposed 20,000-square-foot Truckee Regional Library will replace an aging facility built in 1975 for a community of fewer than 2,000 residents. Today, the Truckee–North Tahoe region serves more than 20,000 residents and thousands of seasonal workers and visitors, and the existing facility is undersized, outdated, and not ADA compliant. The new regional library will provide a modern educational and community space, improved public technology access, and expanded programming for youth, seniors, and families in this rural mountain community.

Importantly, the facility is also designed to serve as a community resiliency and emergency refuge center, providing reliable communications, clean air space, and back-up power during wildfire smoke events, power outages, winter storms, and public safety power shutoffs. These features will strengthen public safety and climate resilience

in a region that regularly experiences wildfire risk, poor air quality, and emergency power disruptions.

The project reflects strong local and regional collaboration and support. The Truckee Regional Library is being advanced through a partnership among the Town of Truckee, Nevada County, Placer County, and the Friends of the Truckee Library through the Truckee Library Joint Powers Authority. Local agencies including the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, Truckee Donner Public Utility District, and Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District have also helped shape the project to meet community needs related to education, broadband access, and emergency preparedness.

Community support for the project is substantial. In November 2025, voters approved Measure G with 72.6 percent support, authorizing a parcel tax expected to generate approximately \$19 million toward construction. In addition, project partners have committed more than \$11 million in local funding, including contributions from Nevada County, the Town of Truckee, the Truckee Tahoe Airport District, and philanthropic support from the Friends of the Truckee Library.

The total project cost is estimated at approximately \$43 million, and the requested \$1 million state contribution represents roughly 2 percent of the total project cost while leveraging significant local investment and voter-approved funding. Project partners have completed schematic design, CEQA review is underway, and the team is targeting a construction start in May 2027, with completion anticipated in 2028.

State support for this project would help deliver a critical regional facility that expands access to education and broadband, strengthens emergency preparedness, and supports equitable access to community services in a rural Sierra Nevada community.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact my office if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Assemblymember, District 1



MARIE ALVARADO-GIL
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