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Mr. Felton Thomas  
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Dear Felton,

Many thanks for your generous hospitality during our visit last week. Larra Clark and I derived new perspective on information policy from our meeting with some of the senior staff of Cleveland Public Library (CPL).

We were impressed with CPL, from the special collections to the new Cleveland Digital Public Library and everything in-between. There is so much happening and the staff we met were so knowledgeable and enthusiastic about their respective domains.

We greatly appreciate the meeting with Jason Jaffery and Erin R. Davis of the Friends of the Cleveland Public Library. Our meeting revealed a number of common directions and interests and we look forward to further discussions on advocacy at all levels, from local to national.

For those of us from urban areas, we especially appreciate perhaps the most precious of courtesies—the parking space on your loading dock! After our visit, we now understand its value and why you offered it. Many thanks.

Looking forward to seeing you at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco if not before. And we'll connect with Jason regarding the National Library Legislative Day and general advocacy efforts.

Regards,

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