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Carole Compton-Smith, Chair
Council of Post Secondary Library Directors BC
700 Royal Ave
New Westminster BC V3L 5B2

Dear Ms. Compton-Smith:

Thank you for your email of August 21, 2009, which included a letter from yourself, as well as a letter addressed to you from the University Librarian at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, both regarding Government's decision to discontinue funding to the Advanced Education Media Acquisitions Centre (AEMAC).

Our province is being directly impacted by economic events beyond our control. We – like all Ministries - are committed to doing our part to maximize every dollar available through administrative efficiencies in order to protect funding for our post-secondary institutions. Direct funding to post-secondary institutions was increased this year but the funding increase was contingent on the Ministry and institutions achieving administrative savings.

Unfortunately the funding for the AEMAC can no longer be provided by the Ministry in these tough economic times.

Sincerely,

for Susan Brown
Executive Director