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Sixth District, New York

January 13, 2026

Mr. Dennis M. Walcott
President and CEO
Queens Public Library
89-11 Merrick Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11432

Dear President and CEO Walcott:

Thank you for having me at the recent groundbreaking for the new Rego Park Library. This is an exciting and ambitious project for constituents of my Sixth Congressional District of New York, and I look forward to its completion.

I am writing to share concerns raised by several of my constituents in the surrounding area, as well as members of Queens Community Board 6, regarding the once-weekly mobile library service planned during the construction period.

Many residents who rely on the library, including seniors, students completing school assignments, and researchers, will be directly affected. While the Elmhurst, Forest Hills, and North Forest Park branches will remain open, traveling to these locations presents a significant challenge for many neighborhood residents.

Therefore, I respectfully request that additional days of mobile service be provided in Rego Park. This would help ensure that local library users have greater access to the resources they need over the next few years, while the new library is being built, including services provided by the Queens Public Library, supported in part by federal funding.

As the mom of two boys, I know firsthand the crucial role that libraries play in our communities. While some disruption is inevitable as this state-of-the-art facility is built, Rego Park residents deserve consistent and meaningful access to library services throughout the process, and I respectfully ask that you consider this.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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