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Susan Dibble, Executive Director Page Ahead 1130 NW 85th Street Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Executive Director Dibble,

Congratulations to you and all of Page Ahead for being selected as a recipient of the 2021 State Literacy Award through the Library of Congress State Literacy Awards Program!

This award is a fitting recognition of your continued leadership in promoting literacy and reading throughout our community and all of Washington State. As you know, the Library of Congress State Literacy Awards Program recognizes organizations that have made outstanding contributions to promoting literacy in their communities. Page Ahead will represent our state well among the 136 institutions in 36 countries recognized with this award since the program's founding in 2013.

In the midst of this pandemic and learning loss crisis, I am proud to stand with organizations that uplift our community. Page Ahead's efforts to enhance literacy are integral to mitigating systemic educational inequities that the pandemic has exacerbated. The organization's remarkable work has shaped generations - serving over 950,000 children is an outstanding endeavor that has changed so many lives. This award will help expand this impact in the community and through increased access to collaboration.

I am proud to represent our community in fighting for literacy and access to education into the halls of Congress. I look forward to continuing to stand shoulder to shoulder with Page Ahead in the fight for bold policies that prioritize our children and communities. Congratulations again on your accomplishments improving literacy and educational attainment in our community and for your recognition in the 2021 State Literacy Awards.

Sincerely,

PRAMILA JAYAPAL Member of Congress