

House Committee on Education Testimony for
H5488 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES ACT {LC1218/1}

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My name is Eloise Narrigan. I am a constituent in Providence, Rhode Island and a board member of Community Libraries of Providence.

Libraries, including school libraries, are vitally important to Providence, the state of Rhode Island, and to our society. They provide invaluable “third spaces” where people, and especially students of all ages, can safely learn, socialize, and grow.

School libraries are often the target of politicized attack and funding cuts. Librarians, despite being highly trained, are often underpaid and overlooked. I support this bill because it solidifies the importance of school libraries and librarians.

Again, I write in full support of H5488.