

My name is Joanne Rich and I live in Providence. I'm writing in support of HB 5488 to create the School Libraries Act.

Given the threats to our democracy and education coming from Washington, it is now more important than ever that our students have access not only to library books but also to the expertise from fully trained school librarians. Children need to know how to research and think critically if our democracy is to survive all the lies and misinformation that comes from all directions.

Thank you,
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