

I am writing in support of the School Libraries Act H5488. Our school libraries are essential resources for all Rhode Island students, and students should have equitable access to them as the center for learning and discovery in every school. I want school libraries to remain open for all current and future students, no matter the socioeconomic setting, and, for that reason, I am urging you to support H5488 which will guarantee that we keep our school libraries and school librarians in every school. Student literacy is supported by certified school librarians and will directly influence their ability to reach their potential and participate in our democracy. School libraries are more than just books. They are places where students are learning how to evaluate sources of information and find answers to questions. They are places where they can learn how to share new learning and how to use technology safely and responsibly. All students deserve this in our schools.

Sincerely,

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