From The Desk of

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Dear Chair Shanley & Members of the House Committee on State Government & Elections,

I write to you today in support of H7386. This bill protects libraries against attempts to ban, remove, censor or otherwise restrict access to books and other material.

It upholds the Constitution.

This legislation seeks to ensure public libraries shall provide an adequate collection of books and other materials sufficient in size and varied in subject matter to satisfy the library needs of the people of their community.

It upholds the values of education and access to information.

I urge you to pass this bill during this session. The prospect of overthrowing democracy at the federal level and installing a dictatorship, once thought to be beyond the pale in our nation, no longer seems outlandish. We – you – must act with urgency, while the power to do so remains in your grasp.

Thank you to Representative Stewart for introducing this vital legislation, and to Representative Boylan, the Representative for my district, for signing on as a co-sponsor.

With hope, gratitude, and love for our community, I remain in your service,

Jacob Brier

cc: Representatives Stewart and Boylan, and Senator Lauria