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Subject: Written Testimony Submission: Please Pass H 7606 - RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- LIBRARY EBOOK CONTRACTS

To the House Corporations Committee and Senate Education Committee:

I'm writing to you to ask you for support in passing H 7606. The publishers' restrictions on ebook licenses are ridiculous and not grounded in actual parity with physically printed books.

Publishers want ebook licenses to expire after 2 years or 26 uses - but I've checked out a first edition copy of one of Ursula K Le Guin's books which has been in circulation since 1969! That's 56 years of circulation for a physical book, not two years!

Right now, publishers have libraries stuck on an overpriced Blockbuster video rental model.

Libraries want to purchase ebooks that are old and new, best sellers and obscure indie novels, to give access to their readers. Libraries want to buy many different ebooks and build out their collections, but they're stuck with a licensing model that pretends physical books somehow vanish after two years.

This bill won't cut off ebook sales to publishers. Instead, it will help libraries buy many more ebooks that their patrons want to read, and expand access to entire collections of books to readers across the state.

Please support the passage of H 7606.

Regards,

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