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Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of S2078, The School Libraries Act.

I have been the library media specialist at Burrillville High School since September of 2024, and in that time, I have had the opportunity to develop the literacy culture of our school in many ways. I run a weekly student book club, assist teachers and students with conducting academic research, run fun reading challenges, and constantly highlight new young adult books. In my role as the school library media specialist, I am encouraging students (and teachers!) to read for leisure and am also helping teachers to increase the rigor of their existing lessons. In short, I have made the BHS Media Center a lively, welcoming place for all students and a helpful resource for faculty.

School librarians make a difference every day, and there should be one in every Rhode Island school.

Thank you,

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