

Good afternoon, Chairperson and members of the committee,

Our group is called Future Leaders and we are a youth leadership group in Central Falls with high school students from Central Falls, Pawtucket and Providence.

We are writing to you today, to support the very important *School Libraries Act (SB-2078)*.

We are writing because this bill matters to us and to students in our school/community!!

We are writing to you because:

1. Teachers need resources for their students!
2. Students need a quiet place to study!
3. AI and computers can be false and we should learn how to research and utilize books for facts!
4. We need books to expose us to new ideas and expand our creativity, and knowledge!
5. Books help us learn more vocabulary and meanings!
6. Librarians are crucial to support students with their needs!
7. Books also introduce us to new cultures and history and what builds us as better humans!
8. Libraries also help us learn our English (especially us!)

And lastly, but most importantly, books and librarians help for us to grow and find our voices.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Signed Future Leaders,

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