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Dear Members of the House Committee on Education,

I am currently the Librarian at Cumberland High School. I have a Masters in Library Science from Simmons University, and have worked in education for over 20 years. I have over 13 years of experience as a certified, licensed librarian in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

I am writing in support of House Bill S 2078, the creation of the School Libraries Act. All Rhode Island students deserve the benefits of having access to a high-quality library space, well-curated collection that meets their needs and interests, and the support of a certified, licensed librarian to support their personal and academic growth.

Please support this bill and help enshrine the rights of all Rhode Island school children to think, learn, and grow through the school library!

Thank you for all of the hard work the committee does to support the education of all Rhode Island children!

-Kelly Tarr

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