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Subject: S2078 The School Libraries Act

Dear Senate Committee on Education:

As a librarian with over 20 years of experience in public, school, and academic libraries, I am writing to express my strong support for the School Libraries Act, S2078, which would require all schools to provide access to a qualified librarian and a fully functioning library for their students. This legislation is crucial for fostering educational growth and ensuring equitable access to information.

School Libraries are an important part of any school community. They promote literacy and learning, support academic success, ensure equity and access, and provide guidance and support throughout the school community. Libraries inspire and nurture lifelong learning.

The School Libraries Act is a step towards creating an equitable educational environment. By supporting this legislation, we invest in our students' future, ensuring they have the tools and resources necessary for a successful, well-rounded citizen.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of the School Libraries Act. I urge you to support this vital legislation for the betterment of our students and community.

Sincerely,

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