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Subject: In support of Senate Bill S 2078, The School Libraries Act

Dear RI Senators,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill S. 2078, "The School Libraries Act."

While classroom teachers focus on core subjects, school librarians provide essential instruction in digital citizenship, information literacy, and media literacy. The importance of this instruction has increased significantly as social media and online news sources have changed how students consume information. Despite this growing need, many school districts have decreased student access to school libraries and professional librarians.

Beyond the academic benefits, students value their school libraries and the unique experience of engaging with traditional books. However, the impact of these spaces and the expertise of librarians extend far beyond the physical collection.

I urge you to vote in favor of Bill S. 2078 to ensure our students have the resources they need to succeed now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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