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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 466 – Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding

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Mister Chairman and Members of the Budget and Taxation Committee:

The State Library Resource Center (SLRC) is the State Library for Maryland and works with libraries across the state, to provide cooperative and cost effective resources and services for Maryland libraries and their customers.

Currently the SLRC is funded at a rate of \$1.85 per State Resident.

This legislation will increase the funding as follows:

FY 2022 - \$1.89 per state resident

FY 2023 - \$1.93 per state resident

FY 2024 - \$1.97 per state resident

FY 2025 - \$2.01 per state resident

FY 2026 and each FY after - \$2.05 per state resident

These increases will ensure that our State Library has the resources necessary to adequately support our libraries and provide the services that our citizens need and deserve.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 466.