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February 12, 2020

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Kent County Public Library strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland. Access to SLRC services is critical to Maryland libraries and citizens across the state. In FY 2019, SLRC was visited over 230,000 times, answered over 660,000 reference questions, loaned over 400,000 items, coordinated over 77,000 interlibrary loans, and provided access to specialized databases that were searched more than 6.5 million times. In addition, SLRC provided training for librarians and public programs on various topics to the public which had a combined attendance of over 2,600 people.

SLRC coordinates library services around the state that are filling a critical demand for services by job seekers, small business owners, early literacy, after-school safe places, and free internet and computer access. Library services are vital to successful schools, strong communities and adult education and we encourage passage of this important legislation to assure their continuation.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacqueline Adams".

Jacqueline Adams
Executive Director

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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**HOWARD COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM**
Public Education for All

February 10, 2020

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Guzzone:

Howard County Library System strongly supports SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021.

The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland. Access to SLRC services is critical to libraries and citizens across the state. In FY 2019, SLRC was visited more than 230,000 times, answered more than 660,000 reference questions, loaned more than 400,000 items, coordinated more than 77,000 interlibrary loans, and provided access to specialized databases that were searched more than 6.5 million times. In addition, SLRC provided training for librarians and public programs on various topics to the public which had a combined attendance of over 2,600 people.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tonya Aikens
President & CEO

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: Senate Bill 466 - Public Libraries - State Library Resource Center - Funding

SPONSOR: Senator King, *et al.*

HEARING DATE: February 12, 2020

COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

CONTACT: Intergovernmental Affairs Office, 301-780-8411

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 466**, which increases the per capita funding amounts that must be provided to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) beginning in fiscal 2022.

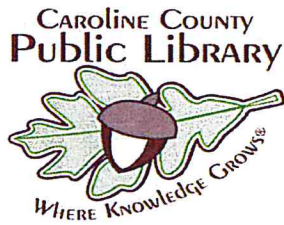
The State Library Resource Center provides the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) online databases for customer access. This includes *HeritageQuest*, Kids Infobits (for K-12 research), and Mango Languages, our online tutorial for learning a new language. In addition, SLRC provides inter library loans for customers when PGCMLS does not own the print resource. The center is also a resource for librarians who need assistance locating a book or answering a difficult reference question for customers.

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Senate Bill 466** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.

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February 12, 2020

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Caroline County Public Library strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland. Access to SLRC services is critical to Maryland libraries and citizens across the state. This is even more critical to smaller, rural library systems like the Caroline County Public Library and our citizens.

In FY 2019, SLRC was visited over 230,000 times, answered over 660,000 reference questions, loaned over 400,000 items, coordinated over 77,000 interlibrary loans, and provided access to specialized databases that were searched more than 6.5 million times. In addition, SLRC provided training for librarians and public programs on various topics to the public which had a combined attendance of over 2,600 people.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely

Debby Bennett
Executive Director

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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February 12, 2020

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Carroll County Public Library strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which will continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021.

Access to SLRC services is critical to the residents of Carroll County, who rely on the statewide inter-library loan system, Marina, for requesting library materials from libraries across Maryland. The existence of this network means that no one library needs to house all of the material that any one library patron may want. In FY 2019 Carroll County patrons borrowed 26,303 items and shared 17,432 items to other libraries around the state through the Marina network. MILO, the Maryland Interlibrary Loan Organization, is the delivery system that allows us to ship these Marina materials to and from the owning libraries. These SLRC services allow us to efficiently maximize use of all of these library materials from across Maryland to the benefit of our Carroll County residents.

SLRC provides the core research databases that all Maryland public and school libraries depend on and are accessed through our own Carroll County Public Library web site or through SLRC's Sailor portal. Our residents greatly depend on accessing this authoritative information. SLRC's Digital Maryland platform also gives us the ability to preserve and share our Carroll County history in a way that we wouldn't be able to on our own, which includes significant collections on Carroll County's Agricultural, Industrial, Civil War, and World War I history.

The staff of SLRC serve as subject matter experts and regularly present training for our CCPL staff and public programs to our community. Over the past five years, close to 700 members of the CCPL staff and public have benefited from these educational opportunities. Important topics have included Customer Service, Storytelling, Digital

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Scanning, Fake News and How to Spot it, Improving Library Service to Patrons with Mental Health Issues, Challenging Customer Interactions, Supervisory Training, and Leadership Training. Every year we benefit by having approximately ten staff who attend the SLRC Conference and another six to ten who attend the statewide Circulation Conference in Baltimore. Additionally, we depend on having our CCPL Library Associates participate in state-sanctioned training, which is heavily supported by expert SLRC trainers.

These services provided by the State Library Resource Center are vital to supporting our Carroll County residents and to ensure that our CCPL staff have the skills necessary to provide effective service. We strongly endorse the passage of this important legislation.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Berstler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "B".

Andrea Berstler, Executive Director
Carroll County Public Library

cc: Members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
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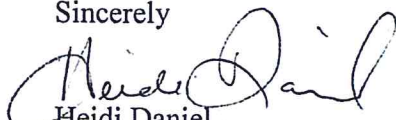
Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Enoch Pratt Free Library strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland. Unlike most states, Maryland does not have a State Library making access to SLRC services critical to Maryland libraries and citizens across the state. In FY 2019, SLRC was visited over 230,000 times, answered over 660,000 reference questions, loaned over 400,000 items, coordinated over 77,000 interlibrary loans, and provided access to specialized databased that were searched more than 6.5 million times. In addition, SLRC provided training for librarians and public programs on genealogy and Maryland history for example to the public which had a combined attendance of over 2,600 people.

SLRC coordinates library services around the state that are filling a critical demand for services by job seekers, small business owners, early literacy, after-school safe places, and free internet and computer access. Library services are vital to successful schools, strong communities and adult education and we encourage passage of this important legislation to assure their continuation.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely



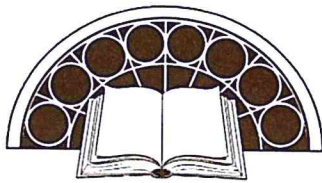
Heidi Daniel
CEO

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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February 12, 2020
Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Dorchester County Public Library strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland. Access to SLRC services is critical to Maryland libraries and citizens across the state. In FY 2019, SLRC was visited over 230,000 times, answered over 660,000 reference questions, loaned over 400,000 items, coordinated over 77,000 interlibrary loans, and provided access to specialized databases that were searched more than 6.5 million times. In addition, SLRC provided training for librarians and public programs on various topics to the public which had a combined attendance of over 2,600 people. SLRC coordinates library services around the state that are filling a critical demand for services by job seekers, small business owners, early literacy, after-school safe places, and free internet and computer access. Library services are vital to successful schools, strong communities and adult education and we encourage passage of this important legislation . to assure their continuation.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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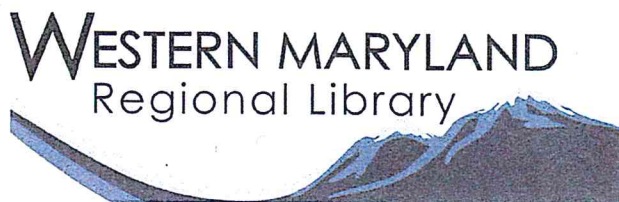
Crystal Henningsen
Director, Dorchester County Public Library

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building

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SLRC coordinates library services around the state that are filling a critical demand for services by job seekers and small business owners, especially in Western Maryland with the Entrepreneur Academy. Library services are vital to successful schools, strong communities and adult education and we encourage passage of this important legislation to assure their continuation.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

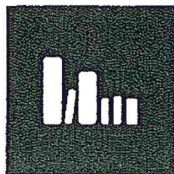
Elizabeth Hulett
Director
Western Maryland Regional Library

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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FREDERICK
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**PUBLIC
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February 10, 2020

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Dear Senator Guzzone:

Director
James Kelly

Frederick County Public Libraries strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland. Access to SLRC services is critical to Maryland libraries and citizens across the state. In FY 2019, SLRC was visited over 230,000 times, answered over 660,000 reference questions, loaned over 400,000 items, coordinated over 77,000 interlibrary loans, and provided access to specialized databases that were searched more than 6.5 million times. In addition, SLRC provided training for librarians and public programs on various topics to the public which had a combined attendance of over 2,600 people.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Kelly
Director, Frederick County Public Libraries

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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Testimony in support of SB 466, Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center
Hearing before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
February 12, 2020
Submitted by Roberta Phillips

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice-Chair Rosapepe and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

Prince George's County Memorial Library System strongly supports SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center

Funding which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland.

The citizens of Prince George's County benefit greatly from the services offered by the SLRC. From internet access to the databases that our librarians, customers and K-12 students use on a daily basis, to training on topics like identifying fake news, the resources and staff of the SLRC are invaluable to us and to our users. SLRC coordinates library services around the state like inter-library loan that bring thousands of unique titles to Prince George's County residents that we, as their local library, cannot provide. SLRC provides training for our staff on workforce development and services for small business owners that magnify our local resources.

This legislation provides continued investment in our State Library Resource Center which is, in turn, an investment in libraries, public school students and library users around the state.

Thank you very much for your consideration and continued support of Maryland libraries.

Regards,

Roberta Phillips
Chief Executive Officer
Prince George's County Memorial Library System

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February 12, 2020

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Queen Anne's County Library strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland. Access to SLRC services is critical to Maryland libraries and citizens across the state. In FY 2019, SLRC loaned over 400,000 items, coordinated over 77,000 interlibrary loans, and provided access to specialized databases that were searched more than 6.5 million times. In addition, SLRC provided training for librarians and public programs on various topics to the public which had a combined attendance of over 2,600 people.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Salazar, Director, Queen Anne's County Library

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

SB466 State Library Resouce Center

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Position: FAV

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

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

February 12, 2020

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.

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February 12, 2020

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Somerset County Library strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland. Access to SLRC services is critical to Maryland libraries and citizens across the state. In FY 2019, SLRC was visited over 230,000 times, answered over 660,000 reference questions, loaned over 400,000 items, coordinated over 77,000 interlibrary loans, and provided access to specialized databases that were searched more than 6.5 million times. In addition, SLRC provided training for librarians and public programs on various topics to the public which had a combined attendance of over 2,600 people.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Smith

President, Somerset County Library Board of Trustees

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February 12, 2020

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
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Dear Senator Guzzone:

Wicomico Public Libraries (WPL) strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland.

SLRC resources directly benefit Wicomico County residents through interlibrary loan—in FY 19 we received 2,605 items through interlibrary loan. Additionally, SLRC offers access to online resources that WPL would not be able to afford on our own. As a rural county, the broadband Internet access SLRC provides is essential for our job seekers and students. There were 92,135 wireless sessions at WPL—for our residents who cannot get Internet at home this is a critical resource.

Libraries are the third pillar of the education system and SLRC helps WPL build a better future by equipping students, businesses and job seekers with the tools they need to learn and participate in lifelong learning. Please pass this important legislation to assure the continuation of these vital services.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely

Ashley Teagle, Executive Director, Wicomico Public Libraries

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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Eastern Shore REGIONAL LIBRARY

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3 West, Miller Senate Office Building

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Eastern Shore Regional Library strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland. The eight rural library systems that ESRL serves rely heavily on the resources provided by SLRC. In FY 2019, SLRC was visited over 230,000 times, answered over 660,000 reference questions, loaned over 400,000 items, coordinated over 77,000 interlibrary loans, and provided access to specialized databases that were searched more than 6.5 million times. In addition, SLRC provided training for librarians and public programs on various topics to the public which had a combined attendance of over 2,600 people.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John C. Venditta
Administrator
Eastern Shore Regional Library, Inc.

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Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building

February 11, 2020

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County would like to add its voice in support of SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center – Funding, to ensure that the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) continues to receive the funding it needs to ensure excellent library services throughout the State.

SLRC is a critical resource to rural library systems like that in Garrett County. It provides access to resources that would otherwise be unattainable to our patrons due to cost, and strengthens our community with the many, many materials it lends, the reference questions it answers, and the interlibrary loans it coordinates. Thanks to SLRC, we are proud to deliver the materials our patrons need to improve their lives and their communities.

I appreciate your consideration on this issue and hope you will support its advancement.

Sincerely,

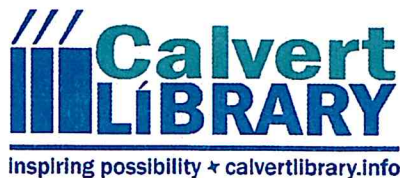
Thomas Vose
Director
Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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Testimony in support of SB 466, Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center
Hearing before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
February 12, 2020
Submitted by Carrie Willson

Dear Chairman Guzzone. Vice-Chair Rosapepe and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

Calvert Library strongly supports **SB 466 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2021. The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated to be the State Library Resource Center in 1971 in an effort to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland.

The citizens of Calvert County benefit greatly from the services offered by the SLRC. From internet access to the databases that our librarians, customers and K-12 students use on a daily basis, to training on topics like identifying fake news, the resources and staff of the SLRC are invaluable to us and to our users. SLRC coordinates library services around the state like inter-library loan that bring thousands of unique titles to Calvert residents that we, as their local library, cannot provide. SLRC provides training for our staff on workforce development and services for small business owners that magnify our local resources.

This legislation provides continued investment in our State Library Resource Center which is, in turn, an investment in libraries, public school students and library users around the state.

Thank you very much for your consideration and continued support of Maryland libraries.

Sincerely,

Carrie Willson
Executive Director, Calvert Library



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SENATE BILL 466 Public Libraries-State Library Resource Center-Funding (King, et al)

STATEMENT OF INFORMATION

DATE: February 12, 2020

COMMITTEE: Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

SUMMARY OF BILL: SB 466 increases the funding allocation for the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) from \$1.85 per State resident in 4-cent increments, beginning in FY 2022 through FY 2026.

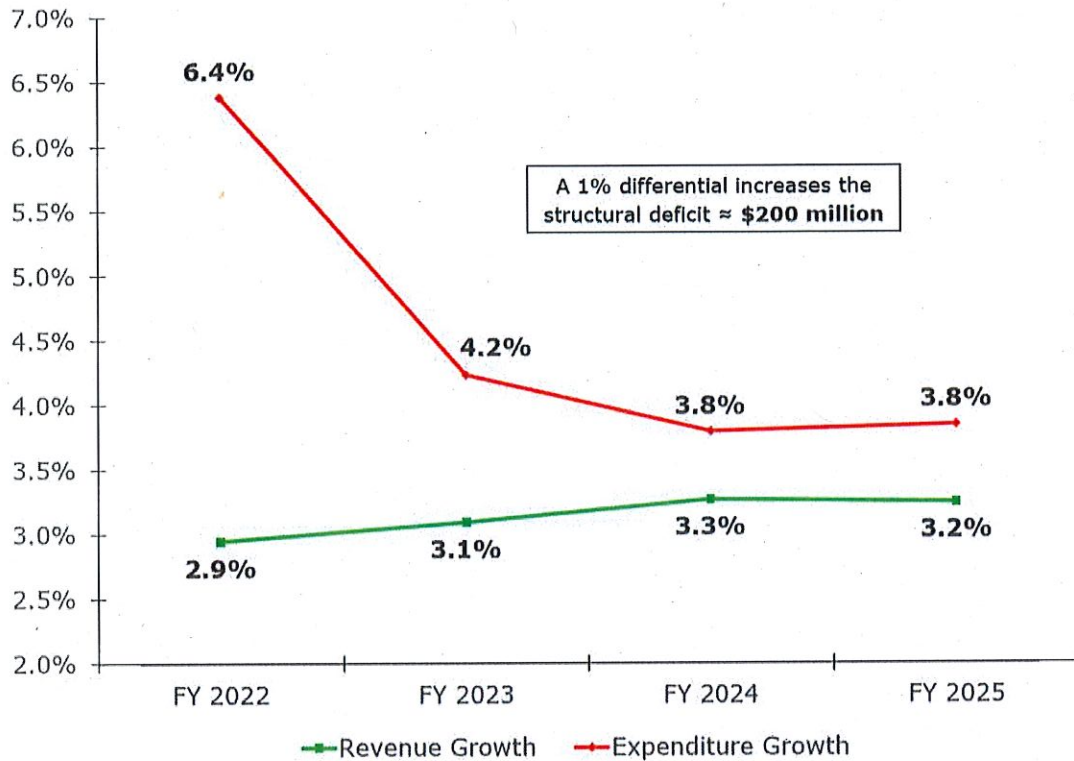
EXPLANATION: The FY 2022 increase to \$1.89 per resident is estimated to cost an additional: \$242,937 for the SLRC and \$60,734 for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (25% of the SLRC's grant); \$610,413 in FY 2023; \$920,223 in FY 2024; \$1.2 million in FY 2025; and \$1.5 million in FY 2026.

DBM's focus is not on the underlying policy proposal being advanced by the legislation, but rather on whether the aggregate increased spending is sustainable when spending growth continues to exceed revenue growth.

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is charged with submitting a balanced budget to the General Assembly annually and strives to create a structurally balanced budget, in which the growth in spending is less than the growth in revenues. Actions by the General Assembly to increase entitlement spending levels makes it exceedingly difficult for the Administration to achieve structural balance.

The FY 2022 General Fund forecast shows spending growth of 6.4%, whereas revenue growth is forecast to be 2.9%. Growth in State spending will outpace otherwise healthy revenue growth not only next year, but also for the foreseeable future. The result is a short and long-term structural gap that will continue to strain State resources until the underlying causes have been resolved.

Future Spending Outpaces Revenue Growth



Source: Department of Budget and Management, FY 2021 Budget Highlights Book, Appendix F (January 2020)

General Fund Budget Outlook Fiscal 2022 - 2025

	Est. 2022	Est. 2023	Est. 2024	Est. 2025
Cash Balance	-\$833	-\$1,135	-\$1,201	-\$1,298
Structural Balance	-\$701	-\$905	-\$984	-\$1,071

Department of Legislative Services, January 2020 Fiscal Briefing

For FY 22 – FY 25, the cumulative impact of an ongoing imbalance between spending and revenues is a \$3.6 billion structural gap. Our structural budget problem reflects a spending problem; not a revenue problem.

The ever-increasing use of mandates and entitlement spending by the General Assembly is a more recent practice, making the State's structural budget deficit a chronic challenge. According to the Department of Legislative Services (DLS), 70.2% of the FY 2020 General Fund allowance is mandated or entitlement spending.

Until we achieve long-term structural balance, programs cannot rely on a consistent funding level. Constituencies for these proposed programs or enhanced spending bills should be forewarned that passage

of this legislation does not guarantee future funding. Whatever specific funding is mandated will likely be repealed or otherwise modified in a subsequent Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) – this action is necessary to ensure a constitutionally required balanced budget in the next fiscal year.

The Administration is cognizant of the downside risks facing our economy and, in the FY 2021 Budget, has set aside \$1.3 billion in reserves. The Rainy Day Fund balance is equal to 6.25% of revenues, \$48 million more than recommended by the Spending Affordability Committee (SAC). Moody's Analytics has recently advised of a slowdown in employment growth in the latter part of FY 2021, which DLS estimates would add \$241 million to the structural budget gap in FY 2021 and \$419 million in FY 2022. Historic increases in funding for both K-12 education, as proposed by the Kirwan Commission, and school construction will further aggravate the budget gap.

The 2019 SAC commentary encourages a cautious fiscal approach -- **“Out-year fiscal stress is anticipated despite the expectation that personal income and employment will continue to grow steadily, and entitlement and prison caseloads will hold steady or decline. An imbalance is forecast before accounting for any recommendations from the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.”**

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