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Senate Bill 205 – Education - Libraries - Funding

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Madame Chair and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

In the 2022 legislative session the general assembly passed legislation that would increase funding for our state's public libraries. Prior to the bill's passage it was amended. After the bill's passage we discovered that the amendment mistakenly removed five key words: AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.

Senate Bill 205 does not change any of the formulas that were passed last year, it just adds back those five words - AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER. This will ensure that library funding continues past FY2027, and ensure that our libraries continue have the resources necessary to adequately provide the services that our residents need and deserve.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 205.