

Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair House Ways and Means Committee Room 131 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

February 13, 2023

Dear Delegate Atterbeary and members of the Committee:

I am writing to add my voice to those asking for your support in passing HB 369, which would ensure funding for the State Library Resource Center (SLRC), an invaluable resource to libraries and the patrons they serve statewide.

SLRC provides much needed support for smaller library systems like that found in Garrett County and is heavily relied upon for State-mandated continuing education, for resources our patrons need that we simply could not deliver otherwise, and for coordinated interlibrary loan services. We greatly appreciate your taking the necessary steps with this bill to ensure that their mission can continue.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of Maryland's libraries and the people they serve!

Sincerely,

Thomas Vose Director, Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County