

**Written Testimony Submitted to the
Maryland House Appropriations Committee**

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H.B. 65 Education - Public Libraries - Collective Bargaining

Dear Delegation,

As an employee of Harford County Public Library & a Maryland resident, I ask for your support of HB 65.

Libraries continue to be vital to the communities they serve and provide more than just books.

As they keep adding programs & services, staff is expected to do more and more.

However, the value of those staff members have diminished both in pay and input.

Finding out that employees of a library system do not automatically have the right to unionize if they so choose is another demoralizing blow.

Please help us by passing HB 65. Thank you for listening to your constituents.

Sincerely,

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