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February 15, 2023

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

Dear Senator Guzzone:

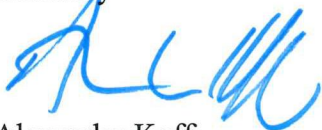
I am a Trustee and a member of the Board of Directors of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, where I serve as Vice-Chair. Among other committees, I serve on the Legislative Committee. I write to express my strong support for **SB 348 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2024.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely



Alexander Koff
Board of Directors – Vice Chair, Enoch Pratt Free Library
Board of Trustees, Enoch Pratt Free Library

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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February 15, 2023

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

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The State Library Resource Center was designated in 1971 to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland.

The services provided by SLRC allow libraries across Maryland to support successful schools, strong communities, workforce development, and adult education. We strongly encourage passage of this important legislation to assure the continuation of these vital services.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely

Andrea

Andrea Berstler
Executive Director

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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Budget and Taxation Committee
SB 348 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center- Funding
February 15, 2023
Support

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Committee Members,

Kent County Public Library strongly supports **SB 348 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 2024.

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As one of the smallest counties in Maryland, we could not be as successful without the support of the State Library Resource Center. They have provided funding for vital staff training, material delivery services, and expanded access to eBook collections. We respectfully ask for your support of SB 348, which will allow us to continue to grow our role in supporting equity and access in our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

V/R,

Arnessa Dowell
KCPL Executive Director

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February 13, 2023

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

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Committee Members,

The Southern Maryland Regional Library strongly supports **SB 348 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue per capita funding increases for the State Library Resource Center (SLRC). SLRC serves Maryland's public, academic, school, and special libraries. It provides statewide resources and services for Maryland libraries and their customers. In Southern Maryland, SLRC plays an essential role in cultivating public libraries and the communities they support. These are a few of the SLRC services that positively impact our region.

Research databases: SLRC provides a collection of research databases to our three public libraries and to the public school systems. All residents have access to a core collection of databases for online language learning, family history research, job and career resources, general research support, STEM support, test preparation and more. In Fiscal Year 2022, Southern Marylanders conducted more than 36,000 sessions with these online resources.

Statewide interlibrary loan: The Marina system, run by SLRC, allows Maryland public library cardholders to request materials not owned by their local public library system from another Maryland public library system. This highly popular sharing arrangement gives our residents access to materials they would not otherwise be able to borrow. We have seen steady growth in the use of this service over the past several fiscal years. From FY 2020 to FY 2022, the number of requests filled has increased 79% to nearly 20,000 items.

Professional Development: SLRC provides a full range of professional development opportunities for Maryland librarians, including online courses, in-person training, and conferences. This training helps librarians navigate issues such as virtual services, COVID coping, customer service, diversity, equity and inclusion, and collection management. This fiscal year nearly 70 Southern Maryland librarians partook in training on improving library services to customers with disabilities and integrating the arts with STEM programming in the library.

SLRC also holds a series of conferences so librarians from across the state can learn about its resources, services, and expertise. A circulation conference covers the latest trends for circulation, support, and reference staff. The SAILOR E-Resource Symposium features the databases and e-resources vital to public electronic resource librarians, public library staff, K-12 teachers and school librarians.

Your support for this bill will help continue the SLRC's great work. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely

Ashley Teagle
CEO

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Testimony in support of SB0348, Education – State Library Resource Center – Funding
Hearing before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
February 15, 2023
Submitted by Carrie Willson

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

Calvert Library strongly supports **SB 348 Education – State Library Resource Center - Funding** which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2023. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Willson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carrie Willson
Executive Director, Calvert Library



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February 14, 2023

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

Dear Senator Guzzone:

The Talbot County Free Library strongly supports SB 348 State Library Resource Center - Funding which would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2024.

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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.

While the total funding for this program is small when compared to other education institutions, it has resulted in SLRC being able to support public libraries across the state. Investing in libraries is investing in employment, literacy, health, and the overall economy of all counties and jurisdictions in Maryland. I respectfully request that you fully support the State Library Resource Center's request for funding. Thank you very much for your continued support of Maryland libraries and the SLRC.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dana Newman
Director

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**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
SB348 State Library Resource Center Funding
February 14, 2023
Support**

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

This letter is in support of SB348 for altering the calculation of funding for the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) for FY2025 – FY2030.

Unlike most states, Maryland does not have a State Library, making access to SLRC services critical to Maryland libraries and citizens across the state. As you know, Caroline County is one of the poorer counties in Maryland. The citizens of Caroline County benefit from the services SLRC provides, including the loan of books and other materials, access to specialized databases and public programs; all beyond what Caroline County Public Library can provide. Caroline County Public Library staff benefit from the professional development training SLRC staff provide. SLRC's SAILOR Internet Network provides broadband internet access to public libraries around the state.

SLRC coordinates equitable 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.

I respectfully ask for your support of SB348 to help SLRC continue it's important work throughout the State.

Sincerely,

Debby Bennett
Executive Director

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31 January 2023

Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier and august members of the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of the 150,000 active and retired members of the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO (MWC), I come before you today urging your support for **Maryland S.B. 0352** legislation that would enable Maryland's county public library workers to organize for collective bargaining rights. Unfortunately, current state laws do not provide such a pathway for thousands in the state's workforce to exercise their constitutional right to join a union.

Collective bargaining is not only necessary because it is a constitutional right. It also provides pathways for workers to work their way into America's Middle Class. In addition, workers can access better healthcare, paid family leave, and other benefits that help support themselves and their families. Not only does Collective Bargaining Agreements improve wages and benefits but studies show how they also improve Diversity and Inclusion outcomes for underrepresented such as women and minorities.

Recently, the AFL-CIO reported on the newly released union membership data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In 2022, 16 million people became union workers with an increase of 273,000 people from the previous year. Furthermore, union membership became more diverse: the entire increase in unionization was amongst workers of color. Of all minority groups, black workers continue to have the highest unionization rates.

As stated by Senator King and the Brothers and Sisters of the Machinists Union, this legislation does not guarantee union organizing or require library employees to form a union. Instead, it provides currently unorganized workers the necessary steps to show interest in a vote to have union representation, should they wish to do so.

Librarians in Prince George's County represented by my home union UFCW and those in Baltimore County represented by the Machinists have proven the need for such legislation. I ask that members of this esteemed committee grant the same access to all librarians across the state.

In closing, I urge you all to vote favorably on S.B 0352 and give unorganized county public library workers the option to bargain collectively. Thank you.

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February 15, 2023
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Budget & Taxation Committee
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Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Committee Members,

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Sincerely

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Elizabeth M. Hulett
Director
Western Maryland Regional Library

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February 15, 2023

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Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building

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Sincerely

Gordon E. Krabbe
Chief Operating Officer

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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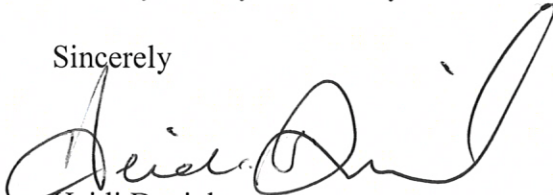
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Sincerely



Heidi Daniel
CEO

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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February 15, 2023

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

Dear Senator Guzzone:

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Sincerely,



Jeffrey H. Scherr

cc: Members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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Position: FAV



February 15, 2023

Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Room 131 House Office Building

Dear Delegate Atterbeary:

I am a member of the Enoch Pratt Free Library Board and strongly support **HB 369 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 2024.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kurt L. Schmoke
President

cc: members, House Ways and Means Committee



February 15, 2023

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Budget & Taxation Committee
3 West, Miller Senate Office Building

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Sincerely,

Kurt L. Schmoke
President

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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February 12, 2023

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
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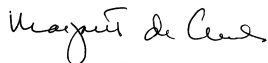
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Sincerely



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cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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February 15, 2023

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
Budget & Taxation Committee
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Dear Senator Guzzone:

I am a long-term trustee of the Enoch Pratt Free Library Board, and I strongly support **SB 348 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 2024.

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Sincerely,



Mary H. DeKuyper

Trustee

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Budget and Taxation Committee

SB 348 Education – State Library Resource Center - Funding

February 15, 2023

Dear Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Committee Members,

I am writing to ask for your **favorable support of SB 4348 Education – State Library Resource Center - Funding**. This bill provides necessary funding for the State Library Resource Center for FY2024-FY2030.

The State Library Resource Center (SLRC) provides many important services to public and school libraries across the state, including broadband internet and digital resources. It is a highly collaborative system that maximizes return on state and local dollars and allows county library systems to operate most efficiently.

SLRC is an extremely well utilized, economical and cost-effective way to connect all Marylanders with a multitude of valuable services, including workforce and small business training, historical and special collections that pertain to Maryland, programs, database access and inter-library loan services. Last year, SLRC loaned more than 300,000 items and facilitated 46,000 inter-library loans- an essential service that SLRC coordinates throughout the state to share books and other resources from county to county. With a limited budget for print collections in Cecil County, we rely heavily on SLRC's inter-library loan service to connect citizens with the resources they need to create individual and community success.

Additionally, SLRC provides database access to all county public library systems throughout the state. Last year, Marylanders performed more than 10.6 million searches using high quality databases provided by SLRC. For Cecil Countians, this includes access to Peterson's Test Prep for college, career, and educational attainment, Mango Foreign Languages, and Heritage Quest- our only online resource for genealogical research. Although essential for our citizens, we would never be able to broker these databases as a stand-alone county.

I had the honor of serving on the Strategic Planning Committee for SLRC's most recent plan and am excited by their ambitious goals that focus their resources on expanding digital equity throughout the state and training library staff to deliver in-demand 21st century library services. Your committee's support for their current and future funding will ensure they are able to meet these goals and that no citizen, or county public library system, is left behind. Thank you for your past support of the State Library Resource Center's mission and funding and we ask that you favorably recommend SB348 for passage.

Sincerely,

Morgan Miller, Executive Director

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February 15, 2023

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

Dear Senator Guzzone:

I am the Chair of the Boards of the Enoch Pratt Free Library Board, and I strongly support **SB 348 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center – Funding**. This bill will continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2024, and this funding is essential for state library services.

The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Central Library was designated as the State Library Resource Center in 1971 to provide and expand access to specialized library materials and services that are necessary for coordinated, efficient, and economical library services in Maryland. Since Maryland does not have a State Library, the SLRC services are critical to Maryland libraries and to citizens across the state. In FY 2022, SLRC was visited nearly 150,000 times, answered more than 255,000 reference questions, loaned more than 300,000 items, coordinated more than 46,000 interlibrary loans, and provided access to specialized databased that were searched more than 10.6 million times. In addition, SLRC provided training for librarians and public programs on genealogy and Maryland history to the public which had a combined attendance of nearly 2,800 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,

Mychelle Farmer, MD

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Chair of the Boards, Enoch Pratt Free Library

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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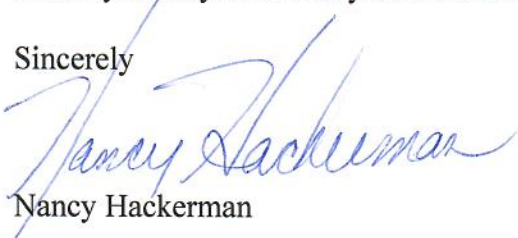
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Hackerman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Nancy Hackerman

cc: members, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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Pat Lasher
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February 11, 2023

Senator Guy Guzzone, Chairman
Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building

RE: SB 348 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center — Funding

Dear Senator Guzzone

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As a trustee and director of the board of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, I am writing to urge your support of **SB 348 Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center – Funding**. This important legislation would continue the periodic increases to the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) per capita funding formula beyond FY 2024.

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Meaningful training and reliable information is increasingly important to Maryland job seekers, small business owners, citizens seeking employment advancement and those re-entering the job forces; Early literacy, homework help, after-school safe places, and research materials are all vital to students from pre-K to graduate school; and free, reliable Internet access and available computers mean opportunity and progress for all. These services that SLRC provides are vital to successful schools, strong communities and adult education, and passage of this important legislation will assure that these valuable services continue.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patricia Lasher

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Position: FAV

February 15, 2023

Senator Guy J. Guzzone, Chairman
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Dear Senator Guzzone:

I am a Trustee Emeritus Board member of the Enoch Pratt Free Library Board and strongly support **SB 348 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 2024.

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Sincerely


Sayra Meyerhoff

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Senate Bill 348 – Public Libraries – State Library Resource Center - Funding

February 15, 2023

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.

For fiscal year 2024 the SLRC will be funded at a rate of \$1.97 per State Resident.

This legislation will increase the funding as follows:

FY 2025 - \$2.07 per state resident

FY 2026 - \$2.15 per state resident

FY 2027 - \$2.24 per state resident

FY 2028 - \$2.33 per state resident

FY 2029 - \$2.42 per state resident

FY 2030 and each fiscal year thereafter - \$2.52 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 residents need and deserve.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 348.

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**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
SB 348- State Library Resource Center – Funding
February 15, 2023 -- Support**

Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and Committee Members,

I am writing in **support of SB 348- State Library Resource – Funding**. The bill will minimally increase funding for the State Library Resource Center (SLRC) over a 7-year period at the rate of inflation. These small funding increases will allow SLRC to help libraries across the state build stronger communities.

Maryland is unique in that we don't have a State Library. Instead SLRC serves in that role allowing county and regional library systems to leverage their limited resources and act as a multiplier for all we can provide for the residents of our state.

SLCR offers high-quality educational databases and research materials that help citizens statewide through their local library systems. The homework help resources provided through SLRC level the playing field for residents who don't have access to private tutors or the ability to travel to get information for assignments. With a library card, and perhaps a library-loaned Chromebook and Wi-Fi hotspot, they can search high quality databases for information that will be truthful and accurate. Educators also have access to curriculum and other eResources through SLRC that can be used in the classroom.

Additionally, SLRC staff conduct key training for library staff including trauma-informed customer service and resiliency. If the pandemic showed us anything, it's that library staff often serve as social workers, teachers, job coaches and detectives connecting people with the resources they so desperately need, whether its housing, COVID test kits, government benefits or resume help, just to name a few. SLRC helps us, help our customers by better understanding their needs and the experiences they bring to every interaction.

SLRC also provides valuable programs on genealogy and Maryland history for library staff and the public. They offer access to genealogy databases available to anyone with a library card, free of charge. We respectfully ask for your support of SB 348. In supporting SLRC, you support your local library and your constituents. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Skip Auld, AACPL Chief Executive Officer

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