



Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice-Chair
Education, Energy and the Environment Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Dear Senator Feldman, Senator Kagan, and members of the Committee:

I am writing to add my voice to those asking for your support in passing **SB831 - Libraries - Regional Resource Centers - Governance Requirements**, which is critical to maintaining the effective and collegial relationship enjoyed by the libraries in Western Maryland.

The Ruth Enlow Library relies heavily on the support of the Western Maryland Regional Library to provide materials and services for its community. This bill will enable the existing governance relationship between the libraries of Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties and the Western Maryland Regional Library to continue as it has while updating the legislation establishing regional libraries, originally created in 1957, to reflect the current practices in those systems.

We feel that this is a relationship that works and delivers great benefit to all parties involved, and maintaining it as it stands, which this legislation will do, is a very high priority for the Library.

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