



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 **SB300 - Baltimore City Young Readers Program – Expansion and Alterations**, as an excellent way to supplement libraries' mission to create young readers in their communities.

Baltimore's program is well worthy of emulation, and this bill would provide funding to expand the book distribution program statewide, ensuring that children in low-income areas will be provided with access to quality reading materials that can help make a difference in their education and in their outlook on life. Indeed, shouldn't putting books in the hands of low-income children at comparatively minimal cost go without saying?

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