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**Testimony of Delegate Dana Jones
Before the Ways and Means Committee**

**In Support of HB276
Education - Libraries - Funding
February 8th 2023 1 PM**

Chair Atterbary, Vice-Chair Wilkins, and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

For the record - I am Delegate Dana Jones.

I come before you today to introduce a bill that would fix an error made during the amendment process of State public library funding passed during the previous Session.

In the 2022 legislative session the general assembly passed legislation that would increase funding for our state's public libraries. Prior to the bill's passage it was amended. After the bill's passage we discovered that the amendment mistakenly removed five key words: AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.

House Bill 276 does not change any of the formulas that were passed last year, it just adds back those five words - AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER. This will ensure that library funding continues past FY 2027, and safeguards that our libraries are supported with the resources necessary to adequately provide the services that our residents need and deserve.

I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 276.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Jones".

Delegate Dana Jones