

February 19, 2024

## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

I am writing in **OPPOSITION OF HB785**. Establishing the State standards for libraries for the operation of each library that receives funding from the State; altering the duties of the State Library Board, the State Library Agency, and regional resource centers to incorporate the State standards for libraries; making funding for certain libraries contingent on adoption of a written policy consistent with the State standards for libraries; authorizing the State Comptroller to withhold funding from libraries under certain circumstances; etc.

This bill, if passed, would remove local control from school boards of education and put decisions into the hands of state legislators. If you are not aware, even the local boards of education are having differing opinions of what belongs in school media centers. This creates more of a distance in parents having the right to determine what is best for their own children.

Please support the families in Maryland who would like the opportunity to protect their children from sexually explicit materials in schools media centers. Please **OPPOSE HB785**.

SINCERELY,

JENNIFER ADAMS