



Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins, Vice-Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Room 131, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

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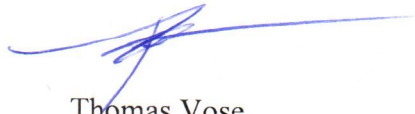
Dear Delegate Atterbeary, Delegate Wilkins, and members of the Committee:

I would like to express my support for **HB 208: County Public Libraries - Overdue Library Materials - Minors**, a bill that will help resolve important points in previous legislation.

The legislation proposed here would ensure that special collections, often containing potentially irreplaceable materials, would still be subject to fines in an effort to retrieve those materials. It would also clarify what would happen should an item be found after a replacement fee had been paid. These simple fixes will help ensure the spirit of the previous legislation in giving fine immunity to minors while safeguarding the most unique items in a community's collection.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of Maryland's libraries.

Sincerely,



Thomas Vose
Director, Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County