



Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
Senator Jim Rosapepe, Vice-Chair
Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and members of the Committee,

The Ruth Enlow Library would like to add its voice in support of **SB 378**, which provides critical operating funding for libraries statewide, including ours.

As expenses go up, so do the operational costs that public libraries incur delivering services to the communities they serve do as well. SB 378 recognizes the reality of this situation and alters the funding formula to ensure adequate support to these essential centers statewide for years to come.

Libraries, as hubs, bring communities together in a way that is more essential than ever – bringing people and agencies together in the real world, fostering the reading skills that make all education possible, connecting people to trusted information and new ideas, and fundamentally helping those who need it most.

In times of financial trouble, libraries only become more critical to their patrons. Funding devoted to them is a force multiplier that delivers in the end far more than it costs.

The Ruth Enlow Library supports SB 378, and hopes you will as well.

Sincerely,

Thomas Vose
Director, Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County