

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

House Appropriation Committee  
Education and Environment Division

Chairman Vigesaa and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today as the Collection and Development Chair of the North Dakota Digital Consortium in favor of SB2013. The North Dakota Digital Consortium is made up of various libraries across the state who work together to purchase online audiobooks, eBooks, and magazines for the North Dakota community.

Currently, our collection stands at 25,347 audiobooks and 42,281 eBooks. While these numbers may seem adequate, last year alone, we had 28,094 unique users with 805,081 total checkouts and 344,859 total holds. As you can see, we simply cannot keep up with the growing demand. The North Dakota State Library has been instrumental in working alongside us to curate thousands more for our communities. We are better serving our North Dakota communities because of the support of the state library.

Sincerely,



**Andrea Placher**

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