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Chairman Schauer and the Members of the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of the proposed changes presented in SB 2050.

Having served as a Library Director of a public library in our state since 2012, I have seen my library and many others be profoundly impacted by State Aid. Local maintenance of effort as currently required is a barrier which is hard for many of the smaller libraries in our state to overcome.

Our branch library in Kenmare has been negatively impacted by this in the past few years due to a misunderstanding on the part of the governing entities regarding how the process works. The proposed change bases the maintenance of effort on services offered as opposed to services and past revenue/expenses. This simple change has the potential to allow smaller libraries throughout North Dakota to serve their communities in much greater capacities.

I urge you to consider voting in favor of this proposed change and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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