

March 1, 2023

**Re: SB 2050 – IN FAVOR**

Chairman Schauer and Members of the House Government and Veterans Committee:

For the record my name is Christine Kujawa, Library Director at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library and I request a "Do Pass" for Senate Bill 2050.

This bill would repeal the maintenance of effort requirement for public libraries, which would be especially important and helpful for the smaller public libraries in the state that find it challenging to meet this requirement. This would result in more public libraries meeting the eligibility requirement to receive state aid to public library funding. This funding would allow them to purchase additional items like books, program expenses, and more, enhancing overall library services being offered in their communities.

As one of the larger libraries in the state, we would also benefit from this change in public library law because it would simplify the application process for state aid to public library funding and this would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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