



**Testimony in Support of HB 1013
Senate Appropriations Committee - March 10, 2025**

Chairman Sorvaag and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, my name is Gail Reiten and I'm the advocacy chair for Right to Read ND. We are writing in support of HB 1013, which includes the budget for the North Dakota State Library.

The State Library provides valuable library resources to community members across North Dakota. They do this in many ways: whether it's through providing financial assistance, facilitating interlibrary loans, providing IT support, offering professional development opportunities, or assisting patrons with physical, visual, and learning disabilities.

The State Library has a direct positive impact on libraries throughout North Dakota and is vital to the North Dakota library ecosystem. Without the support of the State Library, community members across the state would miss out on essential services.

We ask you to give HB 1013 a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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