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My name is Dr. Denise M. Soucy, and I am a resident of Nobleboro, Maine. I am on the Board of Directors for the Skidompha Public Library in Damariscotta. We are fortunate to have an award winning facility, outstanding staff and supportive patrons as we enter the 120th year of serving our community. My involvement with this organization has shown me exactly how much more libraries do in 2025 than the library of my childhood. I've stood next to people at sporting events or town meetings and realized how few of my neighbors comprehend the broad reach, utility and importance of library programs and resources, even hearing "who needs libraries when you can get books online?" It is time to explore, study and understand more deeply who is accessing our libraries, who is missing out and why, how we can optimize our partnerships within our communities, and how we can make sure our libraries thrive in an increasingly difficult economic environment.. LD 1404 looks to do this and more, and I urge your support.

Thank you.