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Good Morning,

I am writing to support LD 1404 to create a Working Group on the Status of School and Public Libraries in Maine. As a life long Maine resident, parent, and board member of a small, public library, I know first hand how crucial libraries are to the state. Not only do they provide a place for our community members, young and old to gather, get help on their taxes, listen to talks, play games, and bring their babies together, but libraries, as they have always been, are places where our communities can have access to information that they may not otherwise have. As we are witnessing the mass deletion of digital archives on government, university, and other websites, now, more than ever, Maine needs to ensure that our libraries, the keepers of physical books, remain not only in tact, but allowed to thrive. Creating this working group to asses the current capacity and needs of our school and public libraries is a necessary step to help ensure our libraries thrive for generations to come.