

February 29, 2024

House Committee on State Government and Elections
Rhode Island State House
HouseStateGovernmentandElections@rilegislature.gov

Re: Testimony SUPPORTING House Bill 7386,

Dear Chair Shanley and Honorable Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of House Bill 7368.

Our democracy is in peril. Its greatest protectors: teachers, journalists, legislators (ahem), and librarians. The work of these protectors must itself be protected. Representative Stewart's bill protects libraries, readers, writers, librarians, and democracy.

Rhode Islanders are not Floridians, but that doesn't mean what happened there couldn't happen here. Let's pass this bill to be sure it doesn't.

Thank you for your time and attention, and for all of your work on behalf of all Rhode Islanders (and democracy).

Sincerely,

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