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Subject: Pass the Freedom to Read Act H5726

I am an avid reader and user of libraries as well as a volunteer serving as a Board member and Treasurer of the Community Libraries of Providence.

I am frightened by the actions across the country and here in RI to ban books and to intimidate and even criminalize librarians.

It is essential that RI quickly put into place protections for freedom to read and for the staff that make our essential libraries possible.

Please vote favorably for this critically important bill.

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