

Written testimony, House Bill 6439, (AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET etc ...)

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Douglas Lord writing in my capacity as the library director of the Cyrenius H. Booth Library in Newtown, CT.

My respectful request is to not cut the CT State Library's BorrowIT payments line by \$100,000. Since this activity counts as part of the state library's 'Maintenance of Effort' (MOE) for federal funding, this cut would also mean a \$97K cut in federal LSTA funding. This will have a significant effect on all CT libraries throughout the state, including my library in Newtown (Rep. Bolinsky) not just at the state library.