



Written Testimony, House Bill 6439

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Sunnie Scarpa and I am the Director of the Scranton Library in Madison, CT.

I request that you do not cut the CT State Library's BorrowIT payments line by \$100,000. The proposed cut will lead to an additional \$97,000 cut in Federal IMLS funds.

The borrowIT CT program, created in 1976 enables ALL Connecticut residents to freely borrow materials from other libraries at no extra cost. This program supports equity and regionalization and saves money for communities.

Small libraries across the state also rely heavily on the discounted products and service contracts negotiated through the CT Library Consortium (CLC). Without these discounts the cost for individual libraries to provide core services will increase and create a larger burden on taxpayers.

CLC is an incredibly good investment managing over 40 purchasing contracts that provide a \$50 public service return on investment for every tax dollar used. In FY 19/20 legislative district 101 saved \$53,977 dollars. CLC discounts allow us to meet the needs of our community in the most fiscally responsible way possible. Please support adequate funding for this incredibly valuable Cooperating Library Service Unit.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sunnie Scarpa
Library Director