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[Legislator's Name]

I am writing as a [community member, teacher, librarian, parent, etc.] to express my strong support for school libraries and librarians in South Carolina.

School libraries and librarians play a crucial role in nurturing a love for learning and fostering academic success among our students. They are not just repositories of books; they are hubs of knowledge, creativity, and critical thinking.

* Librarians support student’s **academic achievement** by providing access to a variety of resources, and collaborating with teachers, to connect and support South Carolina standards in all content areas.
* Librarians support **information literacy** to equip students with essential skills like research and evaluation of sources.
* Librarians are passionate **advocates for reading**. They create environments that encourage students to read for pleasure, which has a profound impact on literacy levels and a lifelong love for books.
* Librarians **support students’ diverse learning needs** by ensuring that all students have equitable access to quality educational resources.
* Librarians **support community engagement** by offering resources and programs to their students, families, and the broader community. School libraries often serve as a community hub offering books, resources, and gathering spaces.

I urge you to consider these points when making decisions related to education funding and supporting student’s learning and intellectual freedom. I trust that you will continue to support and advocate for school libraries and librarians, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]