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RE: SB 1002 Support for Private tutors on Public School and Library premises

Dear Committee,

My daughter was diagnosed with dyslexia in Kindergarten. We were very grateful that we were able to hire a private tutor certified to remediate her learning difficulties. The problem we had was finding a place to hold the tutoring sessions. We have three other children so our house was too loud; the tutor lived far away and I couldn't take off from work to drive my daughter there. The library was the perfect solution and provided us with a quiet, consistent place for my daughters tutoring. We tutored for two years, 5 days a week, over holidays and under any circumstance. This tutoring was of the highest priority in our families life for two years.

Because of this incredible effort and family commitment, my daughter learned how to read and write. It is the only reason she is able to attend a mainstream school today. Without the support of our library providing a quiet and consistent place for the tutoring, my daughter would have failed in school.

I wish we could have tutored at school. If we had that option, our family could have spent more time together. By having to use the library, I instead spent my evenings driving to and from the library and waiting while my daughter tutored. And because it was during the evening, my daughter was tired and less able to concentrate.

Please require schools to allow tutoring on the school campus and support the considerable efforts parents make to help their children.

Respectfully,



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