

To: Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Knopp, and Senators Girod, Manning, and Taylor

From: Ann Malkin

Date: May 12, 2022

Subject: Nomination to State Library Board

My name is Ann Malkin and I have been nominated by Governor Brown to serve as a state-appointed board member for the State Library of Oregon, representing citizens from east of the Cascades.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and wanted to reach out to you before the hearing date June 1 because, unfortunately, I will be unavailable to attend the hearing. I leave tomorrow for Morocco and will not have cell coverage in multiple locations, including the Sahara Desert and the Atlas Mountains.

To provide some information about myself, I have served previously on the State Library Board (from 2014 to 2021, serving as chair from 2017 to 2021). After a year's absence from the board, I am excited about the opportunity to serve my state again and believe I can make substantial contributions as a board member. I believe I can offer needed context and experience to the board, which has had relatively high turnover in recent years, particularly among the designees from state agencies. In addition, we have a brand-new state librarian (I served on the governor's recruitment committee during her and her predecessor's selection).

Beyond that experience, I am a native Oregonian and have been a passionate supporter of libraries my entire life. I have actively supported Deschutes County libraries for more than 25 years and am in my fourth term as a publicly elected member of the Deschutes Public Library District board. I was named Oregon Library Supporter of the Year by the Oregon Library Association in 2012.

In my professional career, I worked for more than 30 years for Bend Research (now Lonza), a leading high-tech research and development company in Central Oregon. As Director of Communications, I managed grants, document production, and patent activities; oversaw the corporate library; and evaluated and purchased information searching software and databases for our scientists and engineers.

I hope this brief introduction gives you the information you need to consider my nomination. I believe the State Library of Oregon plays a vital role in supporting the Legislature, state government as a whole, print-disabled citizens throughout the state, and Oregon libraries. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have about my background and my qualifications for this position. I will return from my travels on June 6. Thank you.

