

**Written Testimony Submitted to the  
Maryland House Appropriations Committee**

**January 31, 2023**

**H.B. 65 Education - Public Libraries - Collective Bargaining**

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jaimie Caldwell, I am a Maryland voter, I grew up using the Harford County Public Library, and still frequent their branches and use their resources. I started my career in librarianship at Enoch Pratt Free Library under the leadership of Carla Hayden, and now work for Baltimore County Public Library. Libraries have been instrumental in my development as a child and teen, and have provided me a stable career in social justice. I support HB 65, as it will make Maryland libraries stronger, more equitable, and better equipped to meet the needs of their employees, thus making the library better equipped to meet the needs of the community.

Sincerely,

Jaimie Caldwell