

I am writing in support of continued funding for the Ready to Read Program. Throughout this past year this program has allowed me to continue to partner with my local libraries to offer quality books to my students. Without this program, because of other funding cuts, I would have far fewer opportunities to support reading within my middle school community. As the pandemic has raged, and students have found themselves isolated, one of the commonalities we can still hang on to is a good discussion of a wonderful book.

At my small independent school we do not have funding for a library. I rely heavily on the Ready to Read Program. This program reaches children across the state, in all economic situations, and has a significant impact on the inner lives of children. There are few programs that grow better citizens. I offer my full support, as a teacher and parent, for the Ready to Read Program.

Thank you.