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## Testimony in Support for Proposed Multnomah County Library District

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Dear Honorable Chair Cogen & Commissioners Kafoury, Smith, Shiprack, McKeel,

As a tax paying resident of Portland for over 38 years, I strongly support the proposed Multnomah County Library District.

Consistent stable funding makes the operations far more efficient for maintaining services to the public as well as planning and implementation of short-and long-range projects necessitated by rapid changes in information technology and increased need for information literacy.

I can confidently speak to this issue because of my extensive experience with libraries. As the Library Director of Clark College (1990-2005), Vancouver, I witnessed how effectively the Fort Vancouver Regional Library System functioned as a library district.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library and the Clark College Library cooperated closely to ensure that the information needs of the residents of Clark County were successfully met. Fort Vancouver Regional Library's funding mechanism was and still is essential to its outstanding achievements.

I fervently believe in Thomas Jefferson's "educated citizenry". Libraries play a critical role in this process. As such, the residents of Multnomah County deserve to be adequately supported by the creation of Multnomah County Library District to ensure long term reliable funding for library services.

Sincerely yours,

Leonoor Ingraham-Swets, Ph.D.