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The Honorable Len Turcotte
Chair, House Municipal and County Government
State House
Concord, NH 03301

The New Hampshire Library Association (NHLA), which represents library personnel, trustees, and library supporters, is in opposition of House Bill 1342.

Given the small size of the electronic materials market in New Hampshire there are two possible outcomes if this bill is enacted:

- the Association of American Publishers may sue the State of New Hampshire as it has other states that have tried to pass similar legislation (New York, Maryland), and/or
- publishers will refuse to sell electronic materials to New Hampshire libraries thus denying our residents access to new digital content going forward.

Thank you,

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Rachel Baker, NHLA Vice-President/Director, Elkins Library- Canterbury
Corinne Chronopoulos, NHLA Secretary/Director, Peterborough Library
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