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Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway and Common Council,

The Madison Public Library Board provides this written statement in strong support of the Executive Operating Budget for 2020. We are thankful for the funding of additional staff for the new expanded Pinney Library, and for a Teen Services Librarian at Goodman South Madison Library. This investment will be greatly appreciated by the communities these libraries serve and by the library staff who serve them. To have the necessary resources to continue to deliver superior library services to the patrons of Madison Public Libraries is of utmost importance. In addition, we firmly support the focus on providing new and more opportunities to engage Madison's youth in a positive and supportive environment. Young people depend on libraries to provide a safe place and to gain access to essential resources to succeed in school and their communities. The 2020 Executive Operating Budget will help provide access to important library services to all Madison residents and we support its passage.

Sincerely,

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