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Passage of House Bill No. 143 is critical. Having a robust physical law library remains a literally *essential* factor in competent legal research for smaller law firms and individual/pro-se/pro-per litigants. For practitioners to maintain their own electronic research subscriptions is prohibitively expensive. My solo practice's bare-bones Westlaw subscription is \$197 per month and this doesn't get the job done for my clients. Don't fall for any nuance-less notion about obsolescence of libraries. Libraries, including law libraries, are so much more than stacks full of yellowing indexes. Legal research is something you can't do exclusively from home. For all to have a competent legal voice requires adequately subsidized law libraries. My firm does frequent work for Missouri clients, including in the St. Louis City Circuit Court. True, I don't live in the City (yet--I am seeking a full-time job there). But the City Law Library isn't in Representative DeGroot's district either, and yet we both realize that all of your constituents need, not just want, to live in a world in which this law library is adequately funded.



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I am total opposition to this Bill. This is yet another Tax and Fee on the people for the City of Saint Louis Circuit Court Librtary. Have the Lawyers Donate to the Operation and Maintenance of the 22nd Cie uit Court Library.