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To Whom It May Concern:

What if I told you that we could create a place with a wide-reaching consumer base, which would provide a variety of services to consumers? Still listening? Consumers could obtain the latest movies or pick up the hottest book releases. Adults could enjoy going on the internet while their kids were whisked away and occupied with social activities, such as story time. From searching the internet, you stumbled upon ads for great new vacation spots but realized that on your last vacation, you didn't care for many of the photographs taken. Well, now you have the option of signing up for a photography class, and while you're at it, go ahead and sign-up for a photo shop class alongside that one, since you'll probably want to make improvements to the photos that you take. Now, as you're looking down at the books that you already checked out, you're probably thinking that you have the latest books, but no one to discuss them with. How about you join one of our book clubs and meet new friends that you can possibly convince to join the new classes that you signed up for? As you pick-up your child from story time, your child suddenly wants to get a new video game, to which you acquiesce. As you're getting ready to leave, you consider how much you spent on the books, movies, internet café, story time, two classes, and a video game. You spent absolutely nothing, just a suggested donation for the classes. After a long day out, it's time to head home...which is only about five minutes away. All of this and more are available at your local library, which benefits a wide-reaching consumer base for a minimal amount of money raised through property taxes. How can we afford not to support all of these services?

Libraries provide invaluable resources to patrons, not just for recreational purposes but also in terms of promoting information literacy and providing patrons with access to computers needed to apply for government services and jobs that will help individuals become productive members of society. Libraries provide a great return for every dollar spent. Spending on libraries is spending on community development that will ultimately lead to more tax revenue from productive citizens; higher tax revenue can then be reinvested in the community or given back to citizens as a tax break. Having a productive, educated citizenry provides individuals with hope for the future, which helps to deter crime, which negatively impacts the local economy by driving businesses away from the community. Libraries provide patrons with access to recreational and educational materials to the community-at-large.. Librarians are waiting on much needed funding in order to make America stronger one community at a time! Can we count on your support?

Thank you,

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