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We need to fully support and fund our public libraries. They are one of the few things that our government provides to the people, that is an envy of other nations and peoples. They are a place where everyone is welcome to better themselves with accessible education and exposure to life away from their familiar corners.

In the 1990s, I was living in rural northern Ohio and we didn't have access to dial-up internet. During the summers, at least once a week, my brother and I would ride our bikes 5miles to our small town to go to the library. We'd participate in their programs, read books and use their computers to further our understanding of the world. These are still essential services needed today.

There are still far too many people without access to home internet or technologies that are essential to succeeding in this modern age. You must fund them to the fullest extent, they are truly an asset and investment that only brings about good things for our communities.

Thank you,
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