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Dear Friends,

It is an honor to represent the people of Southwest Washington, and I appreciate the efforts you have made to help improve your community.

Civilization has always been drawn to the gathering of knowledge. From the great Library of Alexandria to our local community institutions, libraries champion and promote important democratic values such as research, learning, and gathering together as a community.

Congress has a proud history of supporting libraries. In 1800 the Library of Congress was established with \$5,000 appropriated for the purchase of books. After the British burnt down the Capital in 1814, former President Thomas Jefferson offered his personal library of 6,487 books as a replacement.

Libraries are a place where both young and old can come and learn. I know that Libraries are so much more than *just* books. Libraries provide many of their resources (books included) in a digital format and they provide information that, contrary to popular belief, cannot be found on the Internet.

It is my pleasure to support our libraries.

Sincerely,

Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress