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Dear Ms. Marinelli and Mr. Hosey,

Happy Thanksgiving! I was at the hearing but did not have the time to wait for a chance to speak, so this is my message on the budget.

I am a retired homeowner in north Buffalo, and I feel strongly that libraries and cultural institutions in general are very important to the quality of life here in Buffalo. As far as I am concerned, taxes can rise substantially if that means the libraries' funding will be restored. The closest two branch libraries were both closed -- the one on Amherst near Starin, and the one on Hertel and Delaware. The latter was replaced by a new site in the strip mall, which the staff has made the most of, but which is esthetically far inferior to the older branch sites. But the overal health of our libraries is my main concern.

To sum up, go ahead and raise county property taxes for these worthwhile services. I am willing to pay a few more dollars to keep them going.

All the best,
Jean Dickson
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