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Dear Sir or Madam:

In your deliberations, please consider the following:

1) Many areas of rural USA are still without cellular or broadband access and rely completely on the library for broadband.

2) Public library and School District Cooperation is becoming more essential.

Budgetary decisions in many school districts (including those as large as San Diego, California) are resulting in closure or limited access to school library services and librarians to as little as 1 day per week. Public libraries are often picking up the slack for student research and education about library usage, most important in light of common core standards.