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To whom it may concern:

I would like my voice to be heard in complete support of The New Library of Sedro-Woolley. I am pleased that plans are being made to attempt to join all parts of Sedro-Woolley together, to have one great library instead of two smaller ones.

I have lived in Skagit Valley my entire life. Growing up I lived within Sedro-Woolley city limits, which meant I was able to obtain a library card without the extra fee (which is very much out of most families' budgets). The library in Sedro -Woolley was an important part of my childhood and brought me much enjoyment throughout my youth.

I currently live outside of the city limits. A few years back, when there was a vote put out to include out of city limit families in supporting the library, I was beyond excited. I was even more excited when it passed. I have a family of six. Two adults and four school age children. When I had toddlers, I would frequent the story times put on by the librarians. My kids adored going to the library, just as I had. It would break my heart when they would beg to check out books from the kid's section and I had to say no. When the vote passed to include ALL of the residents of Sedro-Woolley, I happily went to the library to celebrate. But then I was told that the city had changed the plan and that my family was still not going to be able to fully access the resources the library had to offer.

After this, I stopped going to the library. I did not feel supported by the city or the librarians.

Sedro-Woolley is a very large community. We deserve to provide our citizens with the best possible resources. I've been to Burlington Public Library. What they offer their community is vast. Being a large family, we NEED access to these types of resources.

I would also like to praise the Skagit Central Library for stepping in and providing resources to those of us that have been segregated from the Sedro Woolley Library. Central Skagit Library has made many efforts to reach those who are out of town and be inclusive of the variety of cultures in our community. I appreciate the Book-mobile and the cultural events Central Skagit Library has organized. The staff are outstanding examples of how a library should serve the community and the type of staff a library should be managed by.

Thank you for your time.

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