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Dear Mr. Read:

It has always been hard to make a living in the arts, in almost every society throughout history. But the arts are absolutely essential to a culture. Healthy societies nurture the arts that refresh, inspire, inform, deliver new ideas, encourage honesty and fairness and hope. And there is no art without artists—and varied ways to share different kinds of art because innovations begin outside the mainstream.

A democracy requires a broad sharing of art forms. A healthy democracy doesn't let anyone censor ideas. Amazon won't need to burn books to censor the ideas available to Americans if Amazon can simply become the only viable source of books. That's too much power in one entity.

In this difficult century, please protect the arts that will keep America strong and adaptable and vital. Don't let Amazon destroy American culture by controlling it for its own profit.

Most sincerely,

Margaret Harmon