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Mr. Read,

What a wonderful surname!

My favorite pastime is reading a diverse selection of materials. I love libraries and independent bookstores because they involve average people in the search for knowledge and entertainment. For this reason and for the joy of visiting bricks and mortar stores and libraries, I urge you to disallow any special privileges for Amazon.com in its dealings with government.

We have already seen that Amazon is not a supporter of fair taxation since it does not allow state sales tax to be charged for purchases unless individual state's legislation specifically demands it. I see no reason to allow special privileges to this huge company which then drives independent bookstores out of business because they can charge below cost prices. We all love a bargain, but this is not a bargain in the long run.

Barbara Cole