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Dear Mr. Read,

As a retired school teacher and school librarian, I am very aware of the importance of reading and of putting these materials in the hands of people, especially young people. We cannot take away the local bookstore who provides not only books and other reading materials but the personal contact that is totally absent in on-line book sales. Please do not take away the sweet, enjoyable time spent lingering in a bookstore, totally caught up in browsing books and touching books, reading a few lines, enjoying the book jacket and getting swept up in the plot of a book after reading a few lines. One cannot place all of the importance on the cost of a book but must consider the whole experience of browsing in a book store, lingering in the travel section, moving over to the biographies, leafing through great art books, not to mention mysteries, love stories, sports. A local bookstore provides many hours of relaxation. The knowledgeable book store owner or clerk can recommend books to suit one's taste.

Our society is moving away from person to person contact in favor of technology to "talk" to someone. We must keep the personal "touch" that our local bookstores provide.

Very sincerely,

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