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The Paraclete Foundation  
Post Office Box 67  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Paraclete Foundation and your efforts to secure funding for the design and construction of a public library in the Borough of Pine Grove, Schuylkill County.

I understand the importance of having a library and all it brings to a community. There is a strong link between libraries and achievement. I cannot think of anything more important than teaching our young how to read well, while fostering a love of reading at the same time. Libraries serve as a valuable resource for residents of all ages. This project will reinforce commitment to reading and learning and provide a headquarters for various programs for the entire community. Communities with public libraries send a powerful message to children, parents, and the entire community that reading and learning are important and valued. I welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with school and local libraries to coordinate resources to strengthen and maximize learning.

I wholeheartedly support the Paraclete Foundation in their endeavors to construct a public library for the community of Pine Grove.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Rhoades".

JIM RHOADES  
State Senator

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