

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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**Comments:**

Thank you very much for helping to fund libraries – it’s nice to see officials putting efforts into providing material means to a very important end. We trust that you know how important it is for us all to have a voice in the process of administrating things which affect day-to-day life for us as citizens in this delicate, beautiful, citizen-participant-run democracy of ours. The library here in Jemez Springs is a key community hub which keeps our neighbors connected in addition to providing learning, access to public service information, access to Internet, computers, and printing equipment, not to mention a precious space for books carefully curated and recommended by our excellent staff. Everyone knows that our library is in terrible need of funding and there’s precious little money to be found for such non-profit endeavors even in the best of financial times. Indeed, each of us feels that our own community is worthy of representation to ensure consideration, and I fear that this legislation would take part of the access and bandwidth that we feel rural and Tribal communities deserve in this process. Though the metro area has the largest population of people, urban and rural libraries serve many of the same functions for the citizens who live nearby them. These library services are critical to us as citizens here as they nourish our minds and souls while creating a space for us to gather, share ideas, speak and be heard, and to grow as a community. Thank you for considering a change to ensure that the rural voices are still heard.