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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing personally and individually as an Assistant Professor of English Literature at a private liberal arts university in Rhode Island. I teach courses that rely regularly on film, television, and other visual media.

In my professional capacity, with higher increasingly struggling to find funding, having access to media materials for educational purposes helps me in my job of teaching and providing provocative, inclusive, comprehensive experiences for my students.

I urge this office to anything it can to help keep materials open and available for such uses. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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