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Dear Mr. Wiatr:

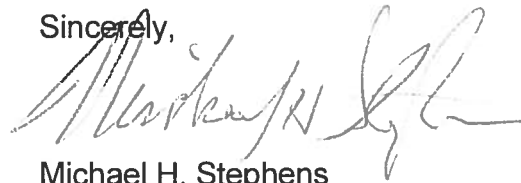
I have this date delivered a check to the New Hartford Public Library in the amount of \$55. This check is intended to cover the Library's charges for providing to Catherine Lawrence copies of certain records in response to her FOIL request.

I have made the contribution to the Library to preclude another endless and childish debate about the meaning and application of the FOIL law. In my humble opinion, it is better that the energies of the staff of the Library be directed to its purposes and its mission rather than in toiling in response to your demands, threats and bullying.

I may be wrong, but it appears that you are the only Trustee of the Library that engages in tearing down rather than supporting an institution that has been established and nurtured over many years thru the caring efforts of modestly paid staff and unpaid volunteers with the significant financial support of private citizens, and the ongoing support of various government entities.

It is my hope that this small gift to the Library to facilitate information flowing to you and Mrs. Lawrence will encourage each of you to review your perspective and act more supportively towards the Library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Stephens", written in a cursive style.

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