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Dear Sir:

I have recently moved to New York with my wife, to be at this Home for retired people— though I do not expect to be retired from participation in civic life. (We have three sons in New York and have long felt as much at home here as in Pittsburgh.) On visiting the nearby branch of the New York Public Library, I learn that funds for this public necessity have been sharply curtailed, and I am certainly joining in the protest against this reduction in a very important form of education for all ages.

I must also add, in explanation of this letterhead, that I have come from lifelong sharing in Pittsburgh's great progress due to its reduction of taxes on building, both homes and business structures, and corresponding tax pressure upon the holding of valuable locations without improvement. This is accomplished by the gradual "grading" of taxes, so that they now weigh heavily upon such locations, five times as much as on buildings.

Scranton, Harrisburg, and McKeesport are following a similar policy, and active movements are educating the people of other cities.

We must stop talking about "real estate" as if it were a single entity, since it consists of both individual-enterprise building, which we want to encourage, and community-created location value, from which an individual should continue profiting.

Sincerely yours,

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