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Dear Mayor Rich, Vice Mayor Zollman, Council Members Hinton, Mauer, and McLewis,

Ahead of possible future budget cuts, I wish to highlight the importance of the Sebastopol Senior Center in my personal life. Having moved to Sebastopol a little over a year ago, I found the senior center to be a vital link in establishing a social network and engaging in meaningful activities to keep me healthy and vital as I enter my last 20 - 30 years! I have already joined the art group on Friday mornings, and look forward to joining a games (Mah Jong, Scrabble, etc.) group, and the SAIL classes. The people I have met and the activities I have participated in so far have proven to be stimulating and I can't imagine not having a place to gather and meet others in my age range with similar interests. In a community with such a high percentage of seniors, the senior center is more than a precious gem but an important lifeline for many who would otherwise fade away in the invisible sea of the silver haired obscurities.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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