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RE: Waiver Request

CC Docket No. 02-6

To Whom It May Concern:   
  
I come before you today to ask for a waiver for filing my employer’s 471 and, subsequently late, 486 forms. My 471 Application number is 181043337 and it was filed on October 2, 2018, CC Docket No. 02-6. I work at a small public school, I wear many hats, Technology Director, Erate Writer, State Reporting Coordinator, Safety Coordinator, and at times my job gets overwhelming. In the last several years student safety has become a major topic of concern for schools around the nation, this hat taken a lot of my time.  
  
As you can tell I am not a lawyer writing a sophisticated document, I am just trying to leave no stone unturned, attempting to recover from a deadline that I missed. I missed my deadlines for filing my 471 and the only way USAC will consider reviewing and funding it now is with a wavier that I am requesting here.   
  
My world has been a whirlwind the last 10 months, my mother in law passed away in November after battling with lung cancer for a year, my father in law passed away in January with heart failure, just 4 months later; this resulted in me filing of the school’s 470 application later than I normally would have, which left me one day to complete the 471. I was unable to complete the 471 in a timely manner, during this deadline window the Missouri State Highway Patrol was on campus doing a filming for a news segment and my supervisor pulled me off my Erate/Technology duties and assigned me to that for extra feet on the ground during this process and we had multiple other campus issues that required immediate attention, being a small district there was no one that I could delegate the task of completing the application nor fulfilling my other roles so that I could.   
  
You may be asking, “Why didn’t you file the next day or file for wavier or before October?” and I don’t have an excuse. I don’t have some extravagant legal stance to argue. With everything mentioned above, I just forgot, plain and simple. In June I suffered a head injury that resulted in 25 staples and a concussion, and my memory fully recovered yet. When October came I started thinking about FY19 and that is when I discovered that I never did an FY18 471 or 486 and when I tried it said I would have to request a waiver.   
  
I realize it is highly unlikely that you will grant my school a waiver; however, I ask that you don’t punish the students and teachers of my district for my short comings this year. If you will review my past Erate applications you will notice timely applications, making the deadlines for several years with no need for extensions or for filing waivers.

Thank you for listening to and considering my request for wavier for filing my 471 and 486 for FY18.  
  
  
Respectfully,  
  
Bruce Morgan