To whom it may concern:

The E-Rate's investment in Category 2 Wi-Fi and internal connections funding is extremely valuable and could not be replaced by school, district or state funds.

Our district has already used the majority of our Category 2 allotment for switch hardware and wi-fi upgrades. Without which our infrastructure would not be able to meet the requirements for our statewide online assessments which are beginning this school year. It has also allowed us to support a 1:1 initiative with student devices to improve learning in the classroom.

If anything, the allotment of $150 per student should be raised for schools with a lower population of students as we were unable to get everything we needed for our elementary schools with our Category 2 funding.

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