Dear FCC,

American libraries need secure funding for E-rate. Wi-Fi at public libraries is exceedingly important. I’m just one person, but I want to tell you why public library Wi-Fi is important to me.

I was briefly out of work at the end of 2002 and beginning of 2003, just before the recession really hit. I was out of work for four months, which felt like an eternity. Not only did my local small-town library offer me a quiet place to read, nearly free movies to rent and a free place to pass the time while I was living off my dwindling savings, it also gave me access to free computers and free high-speed Wi-Fi. With that Wi-Fi I researched jobs, wrote cover letters and resumes, and reached out to companies via email. And, eventually, I got a job. I still have a job with that same company, nearly 14 years later.

The Bennington Free Library gave me the tools I needed to get that job which has become a career. Please ensure that American libraries keep funding for E-rate so they can continue to help Americans like me.

Thank you,

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