In the Matter of:

Wireline Competition Bureau Seeking Comments on E-rate Category Two) WC Docket No. 13-184

I work with patrons every day that depend on wifi for their smartphones, "Obama" phones in most cases, since I work at the Central Downtown Library in Rochester, NY. I work in the Job Search Lab where we help patrons develop resumes and apply online for jobs. Many patrons rely on their phones, and the wifi connection at the library, to keep abreast of job openings and replies to their job applications. Most days you will find patrons on our front steps afterhours connecting to the wifi to keep in touch with their email and the internet.

In communities across the country, people turn to the library to use our WiFi on their tablets, laptops, and other devices. Library users are downloading job applications, applying for financial aid, seeking health information, and communicating with family - all dependent on a strong WiFi signal. Increasingly, libraries also provide services that depend on WiFi, like coding clubs for K12 youth. Libraries everywhere know WiFi throughout the library is not a "nice to have" - it's a core community service.

With the commitment of the FCC to ensure a library budget of $2.30 ($5.00 for a selected category of larger urban and suburban libraries) per square foot, libraries can finally upgrade outdated equipment or plan for new construction. They have confidence that desperately needed support will be there.

Please maintain secure funding through the full five year budget period as adopted during the 2014 Modernization. Our communities here in Rochester, NY depend on that funding

Submitted Sincerely,

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