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In the Matter of:

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

We at the Perry County Public Library would be happy to provide feedback regarding our access to secure and sufficient funding to our library WiFi and internal connections. It is imperative that the Perry County Public Library be able to continue to supply our patrons with reliable access to the WiFi, which we are currently able to provide and maintain, thanks in part to E-Rate. We provide service in a county with less than 30,000 residents who live in an extremely rural area. Many residents do not have access at all to high-speed internet in their homes. During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, our Library's WiFi served over 19,000 sessions, or roughly 1 session per 71 percent of our county's population.

Each day our staff assists patrons who come to the library to use our WiFi to better themselves and their family's outlook by taking classes online to attain a better career, reconnect with loved ones abroad via Skype, or conduct business meetings via WiFi. Many of our own library programs rely on our WiFi connections to help offer community technology trainings or host local political debates at election time. This service has become an integral part of our community and daily lives.

We ask that you please continue E-Rate Category 2 funding. Our library and our community, as well as many others depend on the ability to provide access to reliable WiFi in order to learn, to grow, and to stay connected with the world.

Thank you,

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