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In the Matter of:

Wireline Competition Bureau Seeking Comments on E-rate Category Two

WC Docket No. 13-184

I’d like to express my sincere need for funding for internet access to all libraries across the country. In our little library alone, we have people checking their email, printing travel documents, filing paperwork online with social and medical services, applying for jobs, learning how to use technology, and those are just the adults. The kids come and do homework online, research term papers, print schoolwork, game with friends and stay in touch with their parents. We have people sitting in our parking lot before and after library hours using our open Wi-Fi to do the daily things online that are necessary in this day and age but to many residents, are cost prohibitive.

The library itself depends on internet access to find books, movies and lots of other materials for our patrons. It’s how we stay current, accurate and neutral in cloudy political climates. It’s how we teach our patrons to communicate with family and friends. It’s how we host tax filing programs. It’s how we research programming options. And it’s how I’m sending you this letter.

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($5.00 for a selected category of larger urban and suburban libraries) per square foot, libraries can finally upgrade outdated equipment or plan for new construction.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 depend on that funding.

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