

ALA American Library Association

Kris Monteith
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: E rate Gift Rule Clarification. WC Docket No. 13-184, Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries

Dear Ms. Monteith:

On December 13, 2018, the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB), the State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance (SECA), and CoSN – the Consortium for School Networking, filed a letter with the Commission stating concerns about the E-rate program's gift rule. The American Library Association shares the concerns and issues these three organizations articulated in their letter. The letter filed by these organizations provides considerable detail and background information on why the current gift rule—and USAC's interpretation of the rule—is causing confusion in both the applicant and provider communities. Because the letter very clearly states the issues we see no need to repeat them. Rather, we ask the Commission to implement the recommendations made in the letter's "Request for Action" section.

Thank you for reviewing this issue and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

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