Chairman Ajit Pai  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Pai,

I would like to bring to your attention the recent Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) Public Notice which, among other things, considers changes to the E-Rate program. I thank the FCC for its continued support of the E-Rate program and the critical programmatic and policy changes the commission adopted in 2014. The E-Rate program is critical to assist schools (like mine) in obtaining affordable telecommunications and internet access.

The E-Rate program is a success as far as our district is concerned. As the FCC moves forward with this public notice, it must consider that E-Rate is an effective program. Any changes to the program should be focused on the expansion of this successful program, as well as give the changes adopted by the FCC in 2014 the time to progress and play out as intended.

E-Rate played a critical role is the rapid and significant expansion of connectivity in schools, and the changes adopted by the FCC in 2014 were a much-needed modernization to ensure more schools and libraries are connected to broadband. Additionally, the E-Rate’s investment in Category 2 Wi-Fi and internal connections funding is invaluable and could not be funded by the school, district or state.

My district both supports and relies on the E-Rate program to access and afford high-speed connectivity which is critical to a modern education. Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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