Before the

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of )

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Petition for Waiver of )

FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline )

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Linden Public Schools District ) CC Docket No. 02-6

BEN - 122695 )

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Schools and Libraries Universal Service )

Support Mechanism )

**Petition for Waiver of**

**FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019**

**RE: FCC Form 471 BEN 122695**

**I.**  **INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

Since the beginning of the E-rate program (1997), Linden Publics Schools appointed one individual who was responsible for E-Rate program. This individual recently retired and I appointed another network specialist to carry onward with the filing for E-Rate. It has been brought to my attention yesterday, March 28, 2018, one day after the close of the E-Rate window, we are now “out of Window” for submitting our 471 form. With the recent retirement and lack of training for the new person, we made a crucial mistake in the E-Rate filing process by not having these critical dates clearly marked on our calendars.

**II.** **Request**

The Linden Public Schools petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of Linden Public Schools to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2019 FCC Form **471 191041558**, due to the recent retirement of our E-Rate specialist.

Respectfully submitted,

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