**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 159**

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This letter is I reference to Erate FY2019 Form 471 #191042179, Elementary School District 159, Matteson, IL. (BEN 135578)

This Form 471 was filed after the acceptable date and I would request that the FCC grant a waiver for USAC to accept this Form FY2019. I make no excuses for our failure to file on time – it was a miscommunication between myself and our technology director, caused by school closings due to bad weather and family responsibilities. I have been doing Erate for our district since its inception, and – up until this Form 471 for FY2019 – I have never missed a deadline. The other 2 Form 471’s associated with our district were filed on time.

ESD#159 serves a low-income community. Many of our students do not have access to fast, reliable technology and Internet services at home and rely upon those supplied by the district. Additionally, ESD#159 has not received internal connections money in almost 20 years.

I ask that you rant this waiver and allow ESD#159 to continue to provide the excellent, technology centered education necessary for their success.

Thank you,

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