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ERATE BEN 79025

ERATE 471 #191021449

FCC Registration # 0014235980

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM FCC FOR ERATE FORM 471 FILING WINDOW**

To whom it may concern, I file ERATE for two small Catholic elementary schools in Nebraska, and typically both on the same day. I mistakenly did not click the submit button on my form 471 on the first time and discovered later that I was now outside the filing window when I tried to submit again on May 13. Since February 14th, I have been dealing with a stage 4 cancer diagnosis for my mother, which led to hospice care and her death on May 3rd, 2019. I am so hoping that I will be allowed to complete the filing for West Catholic Elementary as our school desperately needs this funding. I am filing this document with a timeline of the events leading to this request. Thank you.

**TIMELINE OF EVENTS**

**February 4, 2019 --- filed 470 for West Catholic Elementary - I originally filed this on December 20, 2018 but was informed about an error so refiled on February 4th.**

**February 14th – diagnosis of my mother’s illness, stage 4 esophageal cancer, at which time I was gone from school for 3 weeks, while she was transferred from one hospital to another for an esophageal stent, to a nursing home facility, back to ER/ICU then back to a nursing home facility where she entered into hospice care.**

**Received an email about 30 day filing window for Form 471 which I did complete on March 11th, 2019 but accidentally didn’t complete by clicking the submit button.**

**I had already completed the form for my other school East Catholic Elementary – usually I complete same forms for both schools at same time, but because of error stated earlier, this one was needed to be completed later, at which time I was in a pretty frantic, devastated state.**

**I was actively involved in my mother’s care for the next 8 weeks, during which time I received information that the other school that I file for was notified about their Funding Commitment Decision Letter, but since the other school was under a different email address, I had in my mind that I needed to check that email, but assumed that West Catholic’s letter had come through as well.**

**My mother passed away on May 3rd, funeral on May 8th, 2019. I went back to school on May 13th and I was checking the WC email account to look for the funding letter and since there was no notification there, this is when I began trying to track down what happened. I called USAC right away at which time they created a case 274829. She then told me that it hadn’t been submitted so I pulled up the document and submitted it while I was on the phone with the agent and was given # 471**#191021449**. Then I saw the screen saying that I would have to file a waiver, but she couldn’t tell me how to do it. She gave me several numbers for the FCC at which time I did visit with an agent there but he had no idea how I should go about filing this for my small school. FRUSTRATED to say the least, I did my best to fill out the ECFS but apparently it was the wrong filing. But I did receive a confirmation number** 20190513145909423. **Until today, I hadn’t heard any reply.**

**May 22, 2019. I am especially grateful to James Bachtell at FCC for helping me figure out how to maybe get this straightened out. If only I had visited with him last week! Please I am asking you to grant me a waiver to complete this ERATE 471 filing for West Catholic Elementary School.**

**RESPECTFULLY, MARY JEAN KLUG, WEST CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**