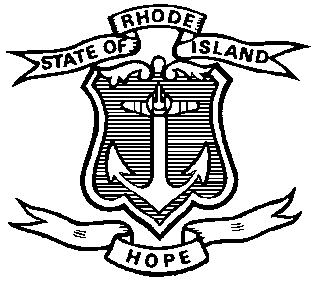
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Dear Federal Communications Commission,

I am writing today to request a waiver for the deadline to submit the FCC 471 form for school year 7/1/2017-6/30/2018. I was newly appointed as principal December 2, 2017 and the previous principal did not leave any documentation behind for me. I have been learning on my feet for the last few months. With , I take full responsibility for the missed deadlines for the FCC report for 2018, however the FCC form 471 for 2017 was not completed by my predecessor and the time is now well beyond the deadline. I spoke with Cox Communications and a USAC representative on 5/22/2018 and spoke to Brittany who assured us that if we filed a FCC 470 form now for year 2017, we should be able to continue to receive the erate discount of 90% here at the DCYF Alternative Education Program.

I have file a FCC470 form for funding year 2018 with a note in the section stating it is for 7/1/2017-6/30/2018. The form alone would not allow me to pick year 2017 because we are already in year 2018. Cox Communications and USAC both agreed to wait for the FCC 471 forms to process and that we would in fact be eligible for the erate discount. Without this discount, we would not be able to afford the internet at our school for an estimated $11, 0000 a year.

I have attached information regarding the time I filed the FCC 471 Form as well as the previous years FCC 471 form and the contract with Cox Communications.

Thank you for your consideration for approving this waiver, it will greatly benefit the youth enrolled in our school program. I truly apologize for the late entry.

If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact me at 401-462-7253.

Thank you,

April Seppala

Principal/Special Education Director

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