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To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully submit my comments in response to the NPRM WC Docket No. 13-184 released on July 9, 2019. My district is a small rural Arkansas district with an enrollment of approximately 1,000 students and a Category 2 budget discount rate of 80%.

I urge you to continue funding Category 2 projects as well as a full reset of the Category 2 budget every 5 years. Additionally, an increase in the per pupil funding is greatly needed. It's also important to provide funds district-wide instead of based on each campus enrollment. A district-wide formula will allow the school district to apply our funds to our schools with the greatest need. We strive for equity at each of campuses.

Our smallest campus enrollment is the high school and is approximately 382 students while the elementary school has an enrollment of just over 428 students. Obviously, the needs for technology are greater at the high school than our elementary school. Continuing the current scenario, we would have to use more of the operating budget for additional infrastructure, thereby, reducing funds available for other student resources.

I hope you choose to continue to support the E-Rate C2 program supporting critical infrastructure for our students.

Sincerely,  
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