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Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20554

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.

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 funding formula is greatly needed. The current formula does not keep pace with the increase in project costs due to rise in products costs that are eligible for funding.

The library system I represent has 15 sites that serve a local population of over 400,00 citizens. Our largest branch is 156,948 square feet while our smallest branch is only 2,100 square feet. Obviously, the technology needs at the largest branch are much different than those of the smallest branch.

It's also important to provide funds based on the total square footage of a library system rather than based on individual branch square footage. A library system-wide formula will allow the library system to apply our funds to our branches with the greatest need.

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

Sincerely,  
Dawn Perry  
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