

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In The Matter of
Modernizing the E-Rate Program
for Schools and Libraries

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**COMMENTS OF THE
CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
(CETPA)**

The California Educational Technology Professionals Association (CETPA) is the only professional association in California focused on supporting the IT Professionals working in schools. For almost 60 years, we have advocated for and supported the use of technology in education for administration, facilities, and in the classroom. Our members lead schools' decisions on broadband and other technology use. They are dedicated to promoting equitable broadband access that helps improve teaching and learning. They are responsible for their organizations' participation in the vitally important USF Schools and Libraries Program ("E-Rate) and rely on this program for adequate broadband access for their schools.

CETPA respectfully submits these comments and stands with the California Department of Education and many other organizations in support of the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) proposal to make permanent and improve the "category two" (CAT2) budget approach of the E-Rate Program. The letter from the CDE can be found here:

<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10807203903874/FCC%2019-58%20CA%20letter.pdf>