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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request your help with our school's appeal for funding through the United Service Administrative Company (USAC) for our Internet Services fees during the 2017-2018 school year, USAC case number 241700.

We have received reimbursement for our school telephone and Internet service for many years. In the 2017-18 school year, we filed separate 471 forms for our telephony and Internet services. While our 471 form for telephone services was processed on time, due to a clerical error, it appears that our Internet 471 form # 171044541 was not certified until after the normal deadline. Thus, we did not receive the 486 form that was required to complete the funding and our ISP informed us that we did not receive any reimbursement for services. We subsequently filed an appeal with the USAC, but given how much time has passed, the USAC told us that we must now take our appeal to the FCC.

Our school serves low income students in the poorest section of the Bronx. We do not charge tuition and rely on grants and fundraising to operate our school. We run on a very tight budget and are reliant on the USAC subsidy to keep our communications expenses to a sustainable level. It would be very burdensome for us to divert operating funds away from our teaching budget to cover this unexpected ISP cost that we are normally reimbursed for.

I respectfully request your help in re-authorizing the \$6,912 of reimbursement money (90% of \$7680) that we would normally have received if our paperwork had been properly processed.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Clifford
President