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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554
RE: DA 18-1100, released October 31, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Bruce Morgan and I am the Technology Director for the Potosi R-3 School District in Potosi, Missouri. This letter is in reference to DA 18-1100. Pursuant to CC Docket No. 02-6 I applied for a waiver to file a application for the form 471 for FY18. This waiver was denied. I am applying for reconsideration of this decision and ask that you please consider the waiver.

I ask that you take into consideration that this is the first time the Potosi R-3 School District has requested any type of waiver for a missed deadline. We have been consistent and on time with our previous applications.

During the Erate process for FY15, FCC Form 471 #1035836 was approved and the school district entered into a 5 year contract with Sho-Me Technologies. The 471 states the contract expires 06/30/2020; we are currently in the middle of that contract. The district will be legally bound to continue with the contract without Erate funding if this waiver is not approved.

This 471 for service supplies 1GB of Internet and WAN bandwidth to 664 students PK-3rd grades. Without this service those children would not have the ability to utilize many educational and instructional tools that prepare them to become leaders of our community. These children are in their formative years where they are building the solid foundations on which they will launch their secondary and postsecondary education upon. Mandatory state testing is all online, without this internet connection our students are severely hampered.

As you can tell from the writing of the original waiver request and this letter, I am not an attorney and this letter does not contain legal citations or compelling legal arguments. But I do ask that you please consider the impact of this decision on our district. We are a small rural district with minimal funding; our tax base is at the state minimum. Our Free and Reduced Rate affords us an 80% discount; therefore, this erate funding is very important to our district.

In closing I ask that you allow our Billed Entity to make a late FY18 471 application for the service that has been previously approved in prior funding years. I ask that you consider the impact on the children's lives and the financial burden this places on the district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Bruce Morgan