

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As an educator, I write to express the critical need for the FCC to double E-rate program funding to bring it in line with today's unmet demands. We depend on the E-rate to help us provide ongoing access to the Internet in our classrooms for teaching and learning. Our students' lives are connected to technology, and we want to keep them connected to the world, and what is happening in it through technology.

I am concerned that E-rate funding has not kept up with the very real demands we face very day in our classrooms. Demand for high-speed broadband connectivity has skyrocketed – with advances in technology, a shift to online assessment testing and students bringing their own devices to school – and we anticipate it will only increase.

Please act now to ensure we can provide our students access to the resources and tools needed to succeed in the 21st century global economy by permanently doubling funding to the E-rate program. We need this for our students' and for their future as the leaders of our country.