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Your infamous "E-Rate Program" widely known as the "Gore Tax" is known as the Universal Connectivity Charge here in Ohio. At least that is the title that AT&T uses on our monthly phone bill from Ameritech.

I whole heartedly agree with the Heritage Foundation that this tax is unconstitutional. Remember, only our United States Congress can levy federal taxes.

You there in the Federal Communications Commission have just invented a fictitious "unmet need" in an attempt to justify this additional entitlement program.

According to reliable information that I received from the Heritage Foundation, "There is little need for this whole program anyway. More than 80 percent of schools are connected to the Internet, with the numbers growing rapidly. Voluntary organizations have helped poorer school districts get connected."

I have three demands! Rescind this tax ... dismantle your newly created bureaucracy ... and eliminate your "E-Rate Program."

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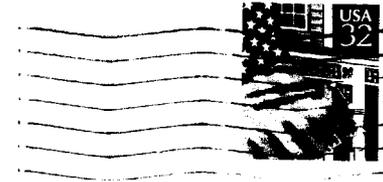
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