

The Lake and Peninsula Borough strongly supports the Petition filed by the State of Alaska requesting an E-Rate Waiver. This waiver would allow rural Alaskans in villages which do not have local dial-up access to the Internet to benefit from telecommunications services currently provided to their schools and libraries through the Federal E-rate Program. Access to the Internet would be limited to hours when the schools and libraries were not using the service. This waiver would help to reduce the digital divide, provide access to information services most Americans take for granted, and remove a significant barrier to economic development and the creation of jobs. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.