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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room #8B-201
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Internet Access for our community

Chairman Martin:

As a career educator and a long serving public official, I know that the best investment a community can make is to dedicate resources to their educational system.

A community needs to provide its students the tools they need to succeed when they enter the workforce or expand their education beyond the local school system. An essential tool to competing in today's workforce and to provide a well rounded educational experience is expose students to the vast resources of the internet. Unfortunately not all students have the same access to internet services.

There is currently a proposal pending before the Federal Communications Commission that would expand free universal broadband to all communities across the country. This proposal would not just benefit our schools but would benefit the entire community.

For local businesses, free wireless internet would free up limited resources they currently spend on internet access. With entire communities gaining free internet access there is an exponentially increasing customer base that will be joining the global internet marketplace.

There is a growing reliance on web based services to improve the efficiency of government communication. Free community wide internet access would only improve the ability of a municipality to interact with its residents.

Supplying the entire community with free universal broadband access will expand academic growth opportunities, increase the potential market for local businesses and improve the ability of our village to interact quickly and efficiently with the entire community. Please support the proposal to grant this service to our community.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Ann Joy

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Trustee

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