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Dear Kevin Martin,

As a California community college professor, I know first hand that the Internet plays an important role in achieving one's higher education. It is an important tool for teachers, students and parents.

That is why all Americans, especially our school children, need access to Internet service that's fast, free and family-friendly.

Many of our community college students can not afford internet access. Current prices for broadband in the United States are among the highest in the world and students from too many households have limited resources when it comes to the Web.

No American, especially our future leaders - should be left behind because existing broadband options are not affordable.

The government must work with business leaders to make sure that all students have Internet access that is fast, reliable and as safe as possible.

Implementation of a proposal now before the FCC to provide fast, free, and family-friendly universal broadband access program, like that supported by the Coalition for Free Broadband Now, is a necessary step in protecting our children online while at the same time ensuring that American school children, parents and teachers have affordable access to the educational resources available online.

Please take a moment to learn more about this proposal and to voice your support for our schools and students. The U.S. is already behind other nations in offering affordable broadband and we don't want to fall further behind.

Sincerely,

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