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Comment to CC Docket No. 02-6 and GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The nation's libraries have long benefited from the E-rate program, and the American Library Association (ALA) continues its strong support for this important part of the Universal Service Fund. E-rate enables libraries to offer no-fee access to the Internet in communities across the country. This access makes it possible for library patrons to search for jobs, do homework, and obtain important health information for their families.

ALA reiterates its position that the E-rate program must remain technology-neutral. As the FCC examines new technologies, such as dark fiber, we ask that such new technologies remain in a telecommunications or a "miscellaneous" category- to allow applicants the flexibility to determine which services best meet their telecommunications needs, which has been the case since the beginning of this very important program.

Sincerely yours,



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