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Spending money on Internet bandwidth without adequate on premise cabling and equipment is wasteful and will prove ineffective. As an employee of a 90% economically disadvantaged school district, I can assure you that many schools today lack the necessary infrastructure to adequately use faster broadband Internet connections. Encouraging schools to request discounts on faster Internet connections without providing them adequate funding for internal connections only exacerbates this situation.

Please reconsider eliminating Priority 2 funding.

Commission's reforms should recognize that digital learning not only requires a broadband connection to each school, but also the infrastructure within the school that can deliver the bandwidth and technology that meet each classroom's needs. We believe that, in the near future, the majority of connections to that infrastructure likely will be through Wi-Fi enabled devices. Wi-Fi access points and network cabling are important components of delivering broadband access to classrooms and should be funded through Erate. Currently, these items fall under the "denied" Priority 2 list of eligible goods and services.

Please reconsider the decision to deny Priority 2 funding requests.

Please reconsider your decision to deny all Priority 2 request for Erate Year 16 and beyond. As an employee of a 90% economically disadvantaged school district, I know that the products and services that we have received under the Priority 2 umbrella have made a huge difference in the education that we are able to provide our students. Increasing the amount of funds available in Priority 1 services will prove ineffective if the Priority 2 items are not funded. Priority 1 brings high speed to the school, it is Priority 2 that allows school districts to bring the high speed broadband Internet access INTO the school and to the classroom. Thank you for your consideration.

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