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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Cutting voice services to beef up broadband services

I am a 45 year veteran in public school education in Oklahoma. I am in my 13th year working for Santa Fe South Schools which is located in south Oklahoma City. Some of the best practices and best pieces of technology I have seen in my career are the mobile communication devices and voice services provided through the E-rate grants. Each employee having a school cell phone is important to safety, efficiency and open communication with families, other school employees and the students, themselves. Not having these devices would create havoc and do harm to what we are trying to accomplish in young people's lives daily. Please reconsider your proposal to use more funding for broadband instead of using it for voice services. There is no comparison in the importance voice services has over broadband. Although, broadband has a place and is needed, removing voice subsidies would not be an improvement in use of grant funding. "More funding for broadband does not remove the need for voice services."

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration as you make this critical decision to increase broadband while removing voice services.

Respectfully,

Sandra C. Harriman