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FCC

Dear Sirs and Madams:

Please reconsider your decision to cut Priority 2 funding. Increased bandwidth will be useless in my classroom if we are forced to use outdated equipment and infrastructure. My campus, Elm Creek Elementary, in the Southwest Independent School District, of Bexar County, Texas, is a Title 1 school. We are located in a rural area without DSL service. Dial-up service does not work, and the cost of satellite service is simply out of reach of most of our students' families.

You of the FCC must recognize that digital learning not only requires a broadband connection to schools and libraries but also the infrastructure within the site that can deliver the bandwidth without diluting that speed. Schools and libraries lack the infrastructure to use faster connections. Spending money on faster bandwidth to the doorstep without adequate cabling and wireless equipment to deliver it internally to the student makes no sense. The decision to deny Priority 2 E-Rate funds guarantees the fastest superhighway to nowhere for our students here at Elm Creek. Please reconsider your decision and rescind the decision to eliminate Priority 2 funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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