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To Whom It May Concern:

- *I write to express my deep concern with the FCC's proposal to allocate portions of E-Rate funding on a per-pupil allocation. This change would shift dollars away from the neediest schools and libraries, the very entities the program was designed to support.*
- *I am concerned that the FCC proposes a five-year timeline for these changes yet only provides funding for the first two years. As currently structured, this plan leaves the E-Rate program in the unsustainable and unacceptable position of siphoning critical funding away from Priority I (basic connectivity) to Priority II (internal connections) of the E-Rate program.*
- *Any conversation truly focused on modernizing and sustaining E-Rate will be focused on programmatic changes to update and improve the program as well as funding to ensure the future availability and success of E-Rate.*

Sincerely,

Brandon Penrod
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