



July 7, 2014

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Commissioner Clyburn, Commissioner O'Reilly,  
Commissioner Pai, and Commissioner Rosenworcel:

I wish to thank you for your efforts to modernize the eRate process and for your forward thinking proposal to help libraries and schools invest in Wi-Fi infrastructure so that we may provide sufficient access for all of the members of the community my library serves.

I have been asked to share data about a new branch library that we opened on June 22. The space is 19,599 square feet and is designed to serve approximately 30,000 people in the southern portion of my library district. The school lunch discount for this building is 90%. The costs for our new Wi-Fi system were:

- 1 Cisco Aironet 2504 LAN controller, SMARTnet 8 x 5 next day service, and 13 Cisco Aironet 3702I wireless access points, and installation - \$12,500
- Category 6 cable runs for access points - \$2,500 (estimate since this was part of the entire cabling package)

TOTAL: \$15,000

This represents a pre-discount investment of 77¢ per square foot which would be covered by the current proposed formula. However, this would have been inadequate for the facility that the new building replaced. The previous facility which had been leased over the past 15 years was 7,400 square feet, or \$2.03 per square foot. I believe this would be a preferable funding cap since many libraries in my area aren't as fortunate as mine per having a facility of sufficient size to meet the current needs of the community.

Thank you for your consideration and support of libraries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry P. Neal'.

Larry P. Neal  
Library Director

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