



mississippi educational computing association

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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners Clyburn, O’Rielly, Pai & Rosenworcel:

Mississippi educators have been vocal about the need to modernize the E-Rate program and have experienced first hand the benefits of providing technology innovation in our classrooms. The need to adjust the E-Rate program to accommodate for sustainable broadband infrastructure and wireless connectivity in our classrooms is of greatest importance. This organization represents teachers, administrators and technology directors from across our state. We are strongly encouraging you to support Chairman Wheeler’s proposal on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

This proposal is a significant step toward the modernization of the E-Rate program. We view this proposal as a welcomed shift in the program’s focus towards what is best for students. Without the access to broadband and wireless access connectivity in the classroom, our students will be at a disadvantage when competing in the global economy after graduation.

On behalf of The Mississippi Educational Computing Association I thank you for your attention and prompt action on this critical matter for America’s students.

Sincerely,

Ross Randall

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Cc: Chairman Wheeler