

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 am writing on behalf of the Public Library Association (PLA), the division of the American Library Association (ALA) that represents the interests of 9,600 public library staff from 3,500 public libraries across the United States. PLA exists to strengthen public libraries and their contributions to the communities they serve.

Today, the Board of Directors of the PLA voted in support of the ALA recommendation to the FCC to revise the proposed formula for Wi-Fi Category 2 services from \$1/sq. foot to a formula rate of \$2.30/sq. foot and a \$9,200 floor (which occurs at 4,000 square feet). The Board supports ALA's rationale for a revised formula as it is based on sound data and reflects an accurate assessment of the needs of public libraries of all sizes throughout the country. We are confident that the formula proposed by ALA will ensure libraries of all sizes will be able to receive critical funding for Wi-Fi services. We very much appreciate ALA's efforts in this critical area.

I would also like to thank you for your efforts to modernize the eRate process and for your forward thinking proposal to help libraries and schools invest in the Wi-Fi infrastructure which is essential to providing access to all citizens of the communities served by members of the Public Library Association.

Sincerely,



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