

July 8, 2014

Mr. Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As a longstanding partner in South Carolina's K-12 Technology Initiative, SCETV supports the FCC's efforts to bring high speed Wi-Fi to every student and library in South Carolina, increase digital learning, and provide more funding via E-Rate. For over 55 years, SCETV's mission has been to provide equity and access to every county and school district in the state. We are proud that educators consider SCETV services as a "trusted, safe place for children." SCETV continues to update and enhance services as technologies and resources expand. We provide technology infrastructure, teacher training, and integrated education resources via SteamineSC and Knowitall.org which support K-12 one-to-one initiatives and project-based learning. SCETV provides a repository for teachers and students to access quality K-12 media and is used extensively with over 39,000 active teacher/administrators using the resources. With the advent of mobile technologies and personalized project based approaches for teachers and students, the demand for high speed Wi-Fi significantly increases each year.

As SCETV develops a cloud-based, secure learning website, more high speed services are needed to house standards-based learning-centered resources. We strongly support a favorable vote for the new FCC NPRM rule changes. The impact of E-rate funding statewide to support education technology for our schools, libraries and communities will benefit communities as increased bandwidth allows for anytime/anywhere access to resources and content.

The E-Rate Modernization proposal to revitalize the E-Rate program for the world of personalized learning is much needed in South Carolina. Modernizing E-Rate to deliver digital learning to more students faster, closing the Wi-Fi gap, making e-rate dollars go further, and delivering faster, simpler, more efficient applications will significantly benefit the state. We look forward to the success of the proposal and the positive results of the rulemaking during the 2015-2016 school year.

Sincerely,

Linda O'Bryon
President

c: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn