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As an educator, I am writing to express the critical need for the FCC to double E-rate program funding to bring it in line with today's unmet demands. Educators and students depend on the E-rate to help provide ongoing access to the Internet in classrooms for teaching and learning

I am concerned that E-rate funding has not kept up with the very real demands that are faced on a day to day basis in the classrooms. Demand for high-speed broadband connectivity has skyrocketed along with advances in technology, a shift to online assessment testing, and students bringing their own devices to school. If a permanent doubling of funding is not achieved, students will not have the sufficient access and schools will not have the capacity to allow teaching and learning to expand in areas of the greatest need such as rural and areas of concentrated poverty.

Please act now to ensure we can provide our students access to the the resources and tools needed to succeed in the 21st century global economy by permanently doubling funding to the E-rate program.