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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Commissioner Clyburn, Commissioner O'Rielly, Commissioner Pai & Commissioner Rosenworcel:

In January, a bi-partisan coalition of America's CEOs wrote to you calling for modernization of the E-Rate program in order to connect 99% of students to high speed broadband and ubiquitous Wi-Fi. Since then, bi-partisan groups of Governors, Senators, Mayors, Congressmen, and EdTech Innovators have joined our call to upgrade the broadband infrastructure in America's K-12 schools and ensure equal access to educational opportunity for every child.

Today, we are writing to you to urge swift, bi-partisan action at your July 11 meeting to adopt the E-rate modernization proposal set forth by Chairman Wheeler.

The Chairman's proposal is a significant, fiscally responsible step forward in modernizing the E-rate program and connecting our schools. By focusing the program on broadband and increasing accountability and transparency, it will increase the resources available for high-speed connectivity and significantly lower the cost of broadband for schools. By responsibly investing \$2 billion of unused funds and providing predictable ongoing support for Wi-Fi, the plan will make dramatic progress in bringing high-speed connectivity to our classrooms.

The message from America is clear, if our schools do not have the broadband they need, our students will not be able to compete in the global economy. The Chairman's proposal will connect tens of millions of students and teachers to the broadband they need beginning next year. The Commission should act on July 11 to put this plan into action.

Respectfully,

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