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Federal Communications Commission,

When the North Bay Firestorm swept through Sonoma County in October 2017, it took an unprecedented toll on our educational community. Nearly 1,500 students and 250 teachers were left without homes.

During the firestorm many schools were closed, and several for an extended period of time. Schools were burned, damaged, and were in the toxic burn zone. Families were and still are living in shelters or with family and friends due to lack of housing.

As a county office, our attention shifted from working on E-Rate to assisting our districts. Their needs were great, and will continue to be so for some. Our initial goal was to meet basic needs, and from there to assist schools in opening their doors and getting familiar with their "new normal" after the natural disaster.

As for myself, I assist with our consultant in preparing and filing for E-Rate funding. During the wildfires; I also lost my home and our consultant lost a family home as well. Both the consultant and I took time away from our jobs to get our affairs in order. Prior to the wildfires, I was working on answering PIA questions. When I returned to work my priorities changed to assisting our school districts with their needs.

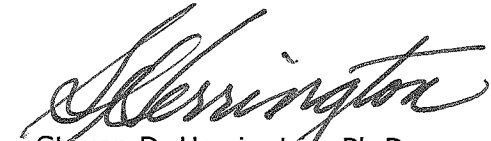
For these reasons and more listed in the formal waiver request from the State of California E-Rate Coordinator; Sonoma County Office of Education, Schools Connect Consortium would like to request the following wavers.

- Waiver of the September 30, 2017 deadline to request an Implementation Deadline Extension and associated Service Substitutions and SPIN Change Requests.
- Waiver of the deadline associated with the FCC Form 486.
- Waiver of the deadline associated with the FCC Forms 472 and 474.
- Additional time to respond to PIA requests.
- Waiver of Appeal deadlines.
- Waiver of the document retention policy for school and libraries that have suffered significant damage to their facilities.
- Provide additional Category 2 funds for schools and libraries that suffered damage to their facilities so that they may recover more quickly.

Please see the attachments for a list of school closures, and an attachment of the formal waiver request from the State of California E-Rate Coordinator.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at camos@scoe.org.

Sincerely,



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