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Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers:

The undersigned 54 education and related national associations support the \$7.6 billion Emergency Connectivity Fund, contained in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, S. Con. Res. 5, that allow would allow Federal Communications to provide one-time emergency support for schools and libraries to purchase technology and devices needed for Internet connectivity through the E-rate program.

! " the COVID-19 pandemic continues and schools continue to adapt to in school, hybrid and remote learning, students and educators lacking Internet access are at great disadvantage, or worse, shut out of teaching and learning. According to a recent study¹, 12 million K-12 stu