

Before the Federal Communications Commission

Washington DC 20554

In the Matter of

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Addressing the Homework Gap

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WC Docket No. 2234

Through the ERate Program

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Reply Comments of the State Associations Representing Public School Superintendents

## INTRODUCTION

This document contains the reply comments of the State Associations Representing Public School Superintendents (SARPS) to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) titled "Addressing the Homework Gap Through the ERate Program." The SARPS represent over 46 states and the District of Columbia. The SARPS are committed to ensuring that all students and teachers have access to high-quality educational resources, including digital devices and internet connectivity, regardless of their socioeconomic status or geographic location.

The SARPS support the FCC's goal of closing the homework gap by expanding broadband access to rural and underserved areas. We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to succeed, and that includes having the tools they need to learn and grow. By providing additional funding for the ERate program, the FCC can help ensure that schools and libraries have the resources they need to provide high-speed internet to all students, regardless of their zip code. This will not only benefit individual students, but also entire communities by creating more opportunities for economic development and growth.

We encourage the FCC to move forward with its pilot program and expand it to cover more schools and libraries. We also urge the FCC to consider the needs of rural and underserved areas when developing new rules and regulations. By doing so, we can ensure that all students have equal access to the resources they need to succeed, no matter where they live or go to school. The SARPS thank the FCC for its commitment to closing the homework gap, and we look forward to working together to make sure that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

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