

Sample FCC Comment for Public Library Directors and Authorized Staff

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This sample is for public library directors or staff members who are authorized to submit a comment on behalf of their library or library system. Use it as a starting point and add information about your own community, including how people use your library's Wi-Fi, internet service, and technology.

I am writing on behalf of [library or library system name] in [community/county], Mississippi.

E-Rate helps our library provide reliable internet and Wi-Fi for the people we serve, along with the equipment needed to keep those services working.

People come to our library every day to use the internet for things that matter in their lives. They apply for jobs, complete workforce training, do schoolwork, access government and social services, find health information, and learn how to use technology. Some of our patrons do not have reliable internet at home. Others have internet access but need help using online services.

This is especially important in rural Mississippi, where the public library may be one of the few dependable places in the community where someone can get online and ask for help.

Without E-Rate, our library would have to pay more of these internet and technology costs with local funds. That could put pressure on money we also need for staff, books, programs, and other library services.

E-Rate is not just helping pay for internet service. It helps our library connect people to jobs, education, government services, health information, and other opportunities.

I ask the FCC to continue meaningful E-Rate support and eligibility for public libraries.

Thank you for considering the needs of Mississippi libraries and the communities we serve.

[Name]

[Title]

[Library or Library System]

[City, Mississippi]