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Chairman Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

iNACOL strongly supports updating the Lifeline program to increase access to home broadband service for low-income families. The proposal to use the program's $9.25 per-month subsidy for stand-alone broadband service or bundled voice and data-service packages will play a critical role in advancing personalized, competency-based learning.

iNACOL applauds your proposal to modernize the Lifeline Program. The promise of next generation education models driven by blended and online learning can only be realized when all students, regardless of geography and social economic status, have equitable access to anytime, everywhere broadband connectivity.

Broadband access is critical for educators and students to have powerful, personalized learning at their fingertips with online content and tools. The modernization of the Lifeline program will take a significant step forward to provide students with improved Internet connectivity at home. By increasing access to high-quality educational opportunities available today, students will gain the skills they need to be successful in college and careers.

Learning should not stop with the ring of a class bell or the close of a school day. As our world continues to offer new possibilities and tools for teaching, learning, communicating and collaborating, we must ensure access for all students - in all learning environments.

iNACOL urges the Federal Communications Commission to vote yes on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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