



**SHLB Coalition Congratulates FCC on Progress on
E-rate Reform and Rural Broadband Experiments**

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The following is the Statement of the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition on today's Federal Communications Commission's decisions on E-rate Reform and the Rural Broadband Experiments:

“The SHLB Coalition congratulates the FCC on its progress in reforming the E-rate program and authorizing broadband build-out projects in rural areas (Rural Broadband Experiments). The SHLB Coalition believes that anchor institutions, especially those in rural areas, urgently need open, affordable, high-capacity connections to the Internet to serve their communities. We are pleased that the FCC is exploring how to incentivize the deployment of additional broadband capacity to anchor institutions to realize the National Broadband Plan goal of bringing 1 Gbps broadband to all community anchor institutions. We look forward to continuing to work with the FCC to accomplish this goal.”

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