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## **PRESS STATEMENT OF FCC COMMISSIONER GLORIA TRISTANI ON THE E-RATE PROGRAM**

The E-rate program ensures that *all* of America's children have an opportunity to gain the skills and insight necessary to participate in the Information Age. Through targeted discounts, the E-rate program enables our most needy and isolated schools and libraries to bridge the Digital Divide and gain access to the Internet. The E-rate is a great equalizer, and America is a stronger and healthier nation because of this program. I fully support it.

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