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The Honorable Tasha Boerner  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Communications and Conveyance  
1021 O Street, Suite 4150  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**LACOE CTF Oversight Comment Letter**

Dear Assembly Member Boerner:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), I write to express support for the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) rulemaking initiated in 2025 to update and modernize the California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) program (Rulemaking R.25-08-005). LACOE has participated in the CTF program since 1997 and is actively engaged in the CPUC's current rulemaking proceeding. LACOE supports the adoption of needed clarifications to the CTF program that would allow LACOE to fully participate in the program for the benefit of Los Angeles County students. In particular, LACOE supports the California Department of Education's recommendations that CTF extend eligibility to all local education agencies (LEAs), including school districts and county offices of education, and authorize LEAs to complete recertification on behalf of all schools within their jurisdiction.

LACOE is the nation's largest regional educational agency, supporting the education and well-being of Los Angeles County's nearly two million children. LACOE's mission is to improve the lives of students and the educational community through service, leadership, and advocacy, which includes facilitating affordable access to broadband and telecommunications services necessary for students' education and development. LACOE recognizes the CTF program as an important financial resource that helps support this work.

In 1997, LACOE became certified as a participant in the CTF program shortly after the program's adoption in 1996. LACOE is also a registered service provider organization under the federal E-Rate program and serves as a node site for the California K-12 High Speed Network. However, since 2021 LACOE's participation in CTF has been curtailed due to ambiguities in the program's rules regarding the eligibility of local education agencies. Clarification of these rules is needed to resolve these ambiguities and allow LACOE to resume full participation in the program.

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To that end, LACOE is actively participating in CPUC Rulemaking R.25-08-005. LACOE supports the California Department of Education's recommendations in that proceeding to extend CTF eligibility to all LEAs, including school districts and county offices of education, and to authorize LEAs to complete recertification on behalf of all schools within their jurisdiction. These changes would better align the CTF program with the federal E-Rate program and reduce administrative burdens that arise when broadband and telecommunications services are supported through multiple state and federal funding programs.

LACOE looks forward to the continued progress of the CPUC's rulemaking, which is currently projected to conclude as early as the first calendar quarter of 2027.

Thank you for the opportunity to share LACOE's perspective on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela E. Gibbs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "G".

Pamela E. Gibbs, J.D.  
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