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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB885

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Senate Committee on Education
900 Court St NE, HR B
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Weber and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to support SB 885, which would provide \$750,000 to the Connecting Oregon Libraries Fund for matching federal broadband infrastructure grants and funding for a part-time E-Rate consultant to help public libraries apply for E-Rate funds, contracted out of the State Library. Many rural areas of the state still lack of reliable internet service, and public libraries can provide critical support in this service inequity. Please pass SD 885 to match these federal funds and support the information and internet access needs of Oregonians across the state

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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