**Before the**

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of: )

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Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot ) WC Docket No. 23-234

Program )

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**REPLY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES CYBERSECURITY PILOT PROGRAM (WC DOCKET NO. 23-234; FCC 23-94)**

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**(ORGANIZATION)** writes today in support of the comments submitted by the Michigan Statewide Educational Network (MiSEN or SEN) and co-signed by the Michigan Educational Technology Leaders (METL) and MiSecure on the proposed Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program (Pilot). As a/an **(TYPE OF ORGANIZATION)** with a focus on **(MISSION),** our organization has a vested interest in improving cybersecurity and reducing, with the hope of eliminating, cyber intrusions. We are encouraged by this proceeding and are eager to see how the process informs the Pilot.

As proposed by MiSEN and others, **(ORGANIZATION)** supports the full eligibility of firewall solutions in Funding Year 2025. This simple change by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) to the eligible services list would grant E-rate applicants financial support for needed cybersecurity equipment and licenses within the cost restraints of existing Category Two budgets. Furthermore, **(ORGANIZATION)** concurs with the SEN and other commenters; a three-year Pilot is unnecessarily long but could be palatable if the Commission would agree to yearly updates to the eligible services list along with increased Category Two funding to support the newly eligible equipment and services. **(ORGANIZATION)** also urges the Commission to consider the extensive, though not exhaustive, list of services and solutions proposed by MiSEN for inclusion in the Pilot and, eventually, the Eligible Services List. **(If desired, highlight specific solutions)** Finally, **(ORGANIZATION)** supports Pilot eligibility for consortia applicants. The buying power of regional and state-wide collaboratives will help drive down costs and provide support for layers of needed protections, both at the regional and local levels.

**(ORGANIZATION)** thanks the Commission for the opportunity to comment on this very important proceeding. We hope that our support for MiSEN’s comments resonate with the Commission and lead to positive outcomes through updated and expanded eligibility and funding for mission-critical cybersecurity equipment and services for E-rate eligible applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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