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Statement of SETDA Executive Director Douglas Levin on the Introduction of the e-Rate 2.0 Act (HR 4619)

"We applaud Representatives Markey, Capps, and Matsui for their introduction of the e-Rate 2.0 Act in support of bolstering federal support of broadband for educational purposes. Since schools and libraries first began to receive telecommunications discounts in 1998, the e-Rate has been instrumental in increasing educational opportunities for all students, especially those from low-income and underserved communities. The move by Congress to reassess the program and strengthen it is most welcome. We look forward to the dialogue."

About the State Educational Technology Directors Association

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