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**CHAIRMAN PAI STATEMENT ON EMERGENCY E-RATE ORDER TO
ASSIST SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES RECOVERING FROM
HURRICANE DAMAGE**

WASHINGTON, October 25, 2017 – Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai issued the following statement today on his proposal to help schools and libraries affected by hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria restore connectivity through the FCC’s E-rate program:

“Yesterday, I shared with my colleagues an emergency order that would help schools and libraries recover from the devastation of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. This order would provide targeted financial support to these institutions through the FCC’s E-rate program and give them maximum flexibility as they try to restore connectivity. It would also make available additional funds to schools that are serving a substantial number of students displaced by this season’s hurricanes. Once my fellow commissioners have had the opportunity to review this proposed order, I hope they will be able to quickly vote to support this relief.”

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