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TO: RAILS Universal Service Committee

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SUBJECT: Expansion of Cards for Kids Act (SB3497) Update (7.1)

Now that it has been six months since the passage of SB3497 (Expansion of the Cards for Kids Act) that states that a library board may adopt regulations waiving the nonresident fee for persons under the age of 18, we'd like to know how these changes have affected universal service within the RAILS membership area.

In particular, RAILS would like to discuss the following with the Universal Service Committee:

- What is the status of your library in regard to adoption of the Cards for Kids Expansion? Has your Board adopted additional regulations since the passage of the bill?
- What have you heard from other RAILS member libraries about the progress of the adoption of additional regulations? Do other libraries expect to adopt additional regulations in the future?
- If you have adopted additional regulations, how is it going? Are you seeing additional usage or cards issued for those who were previously unserved?
- Do you feel that the librarians and library administrators you talk with have an accurate sense of what the legislation means for them?
- How else can RAILS communicate these changes for those libraries that may want to consider adopting additional regulations?
- Anything else you would add about evaluating the success of this program in regard to Universal Service?

Additional comments and questions about SB3497 are welcomed as part of the discussion.