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Mr. Charles Tyler
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Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Mr. Tyler:

I am writing to provide a letter of support for Mr. J. Todd Finnell to serve as a director for the Universal Service Administrative Company as a representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to Section 54.501 of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) rules.

For the past 15 years, Todd has been instrumental as the architect and person responsible for helping create the California High Speed Network. The K12HSN is a program operated by ICOE under grant from California Department of Education, which supports network access for school districts throughout California. It was Todd's vision and coordination back in 2004 that has created the most innovative and productive High Speed Network system in the country. Todd currently serves as the Superintendent of Schools for Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE). The other 57 California County Superintendents rely on Todd and Imperial County to keep pace with the fast changing world of technology and keep our schools/communities on the cutting edge.

Todd understands the importance of E-rate funding to LEAs across the nation, but also is keenly aware of the challenges presented by the E-rate program. Challenges related to fiber builds, system delays, and seemingly complicated rules. I am excited that California is putting forth a nomination. There is no state more diverse than California, but it is Todd's commitment to rural schools in our state and nation that will make his selection so unique and necessary. He understands the challenges and opportunities of our needy rural communities and can help your organization with solutions as he has done in this state.

In California, the county offices of education serve as regional support agencies, much like Boards of Cooperative Educational Service (BOCES) in other states. Collectively he has the knowledge base as K-12 Classroom Teacher, College Professor, County Superintendent and Technology Systems Manager. I cannot think of a more well rounded and prepared candidate for your board.

My recommendation and support of Dr. Finnell is based on his success in regional and statewide work he and his Imperial County Office have accomplished. Recently Todd was recognized by the 58 County Superintendents for Innovation in Technology Award from the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association.

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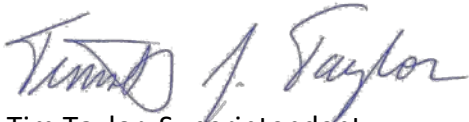
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There is no higher honor than receiving this as a County Superintendent. It exemplifies his dedication, work and commitment to technology and communications in this state and country.

Todd Finnell has demonstrated that is a highly respected and knowledgeable leader in the field of communications and technology. He also understands massive state and federal budgets, project implementation and he constantly communicates a great vision of the future. I highly recommend Todd Finnell for the Board of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company.

Please call me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Taylor". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "T" and a cursive "Taylor".

Tim Taylor, Superintendent
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