



Chairman Agit Pai  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

***In re: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors (CC  
Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-210***

Dear Chairman Pai:

The State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) nominates Julia Benincosa Legg to serve on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. We appreciate this opportunity to submit her nomination for your consideration.

Julia currently serves as the State E-rate Coordinator for the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE). She has served in that role for nearly 14 years and is the only state coordinator to file applications covering both Telecommunications and Internal Connections at the state consortia level. She also assists 20 school districts with their local E-rate applications and is a member of the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council, Education Committee. Her experiences teaching online learning, K-12, and professional-graduate level courses afford her distinctive insights to inform USAC's administration, training and outreach.

Julia has graduate degrees in both Educational Leadership and Educational Technology Leadership. The related coursework and projects in attaining those degrees have been critical in developing the skills necessary to engage as a board member on behalf of applicants relating to both technical and leadership perspectives.

During her career, she has built important relationships with FCC leaders and staff, including:

- Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner, who played an integral role in the West Virginia Broadband Summit;
- Ryan Palmer, Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division (our former WV Public Service Commissioner);
- Lisa Hone, Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau; and
- Trent Harkrader, Associate Bureau Chief.

At USAC, Julia has built strong relationships with executive staff including Catriona Ayer, Leslie Frelow, Jeff Walsh, John Noran and many others.

In her role as the West Virginia State E-rate Coordinator, she has led important programmatic changes, including permanent E-rate policy changes such as:

- Eligibility for telecommunications and Internal Connections (Category 2) in dormitories and housing for "special schools," through an approved waiver request.
- Launch of the Schools Spots initiative, also the result of a waiver request, permitting schools to utilize untapped broadband during off-hours.

Julia would be an excellent asset to the USAC Board of Directors not only due to her current role and experience, but also her energy, dedication, and strong work ethic. Her unique skill set and experiences would help her represent all school applicants.

Julia's Curriculum Vitae is attached for your review.

Should you have any questions, please email Candice Dodson, SETDA Executive Director, [cdodson@setda.org](mailto:cdodson@setda.org).

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurel Ballard", is positioned above the typed name.

Laurel Ballard  
Chair, SETDA Board of Directors  
Wyoming Department of Education