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Federal Communications Commission
Attn: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Orange County Public School System I am formally requesting a waiver. Due to USAC's constraints with granting only one (1) construction extension, we are unable to complete our thirty-three (33) mile self-provisioned fiber network connecting all schools and administration buildings in our district. We originally requested the grant in May of 2016. On June 29, 2017 we filed for an extension as we had not yet received an award notice. On June 30, 2017 we received our award notice, effectively allotting six (6) hours to complete the entire project under the approved timeline. We have been operating under the first (1), and only allowed, extension since July 2017. However, our project has been delayed repeatedly by issues with USAC and inclement weather. Attached, please find supplementary information including:

1. Timeline of Events (including USAC issues)
2. Communications with USAC
3. Letters of Support

To date, we have completed approximately ten (10) miles of our thirty-three (33) mile network. We respectfully request a construction extension through June 30, 2019; so we may complete the network for our students. Our contractor is confident he can complete the task within the timeframe requested above, if we are able to proceed without delay and regain access to our funding.

We appreciate your assistance in resolving this issue as quickly as possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I may be of any assistance. We look forward to working together to complete our fiber build.

Best,

Stephanie Straub

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