

July 19, 2018

Wireless Division of the FCC,

As Chair of the Utah CoSN Chapter, I have reviewed and am very supportive of the Utah Education and Telehealth Network's (UETN) response to the FCC proposed changes the Educational Broadband Service (EBS) spectrum.

EBS white space availability will provide for the extension of school networks in rural areas where Internet access has been a real challenge. In addition, access to these networks will help provide digital equity in areas that are economically challenged. We believe EBS access can help UETN to fill broadband access gaps stemming from the regulatory/funding gaps that persist across programs such as the E-rate Universal Service Fund (USF). In addition, access to EBS allows UETN to extend broadband access to areas that likely remain unattractive to private investment.

Please consider the UETN comments and their response regarding how EBS can be effectively allocated and utilized across our state to provide equitable and affordable access to broadband services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim G. Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

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