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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte, Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries, RM-11841, WC Docket No. 13-184, CC Docket No. 02-6, Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection, WC Docket No. 19-195, Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program, WC Docket No. 11-10*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, August 7, 2019, David Stoll, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Barry County Telephone Company ("Barry County"), Rhonda Maun, Chief Executive Officer of Consortia Consulting, Consultant to Barry County, and Barry County's counsel, Molly O'Connor and the undersigned with Herman & Whiteaker, LLC, had a telephone conference with Arielle Roth, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael O'Rielly of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"). During the meeting, Mr. Stoll expressed concerns about the potential waste of the Schools and Libraries ("E-Rate") program funding being used to overbuild existing broadband networks that have already been constructed with Universal Service Fund ("USF") support. The parties discussed the Petition for Rulemaking filed by Texas Carriers in the above-captioned E-Rate proceeding and noted that overbuilding and waste of USF support is a nationwide issue which is not limited to only Texas. Moreover, Mr. Stoll mentioned the *Digital Opportunity Data Collection* Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and urged the Commission to focus on the elimination of overbuild and waste in the E-Rate program or other federal funding programs as part of the data collection proceeding.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, we are filing this letter electronically in the above-captioned dockets. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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