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# TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

This letter is in reference to the proposal "Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers: Ex Parte," (CC Docket 94-1).

The Texas Library Association, a 5,800 member organization comprised of librarians and library supporters, is enthusiastically in support of this proposal as submitted by the Education and Library Alliance. Intended to connect schools and libraries to the National Information Infrastructure (NII), the proposal would help libraries gain affordable access to the information superhighway. The world's information is increasingly available in digital electronic form, and it is being increasingly communicated via interconnected telecommunications systems. Libraries provide access to electronic information to millions who would otherwise have no access. Texas librarians and library supporters urge your support of this proposal that would improve educational opportunities for students and provide all citizens with equity in the information superhighway.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia H. Smith  
Executive Director

cc: William A. Caton, Secretary of the FCC

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Mr. Reed E. Hundt, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing to express support for the proposal filed by the Education and Library Alliance to use rate price cap funds to assist libraries and schools in connecting to the emerging National Information Infrastructure (CC Docket 94-1: Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers).

We are a school district of over 18,000 K-12 students with a teaching staff of approximately 1134. Each of these teachers has a personal laptop computer in addition to those provided for each classroom. We consider ourselves on the cutting edge of technology. Other districts in our rural state may well follow suit. It is important that all students have access to the national network now and into the future at a reasonable cost. The proposal of the Education and Library Alliance would help make this possible.

We urge you to seriously consider this proposal which is estimated to generate approximately \$300 million per year which local telephone companies could use to finance infrastructures for libraries and schools in their service areas.

Please help Sioux Falls and school districts across the nation be a part of the information superhighway.

Sincerely,

John J. Keegan, Jr.  
Superintendent

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March 10, 1995

Chairman Reed E. Hundt  
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Arkansas Library Association strongly urges you and your colleagues on the Federal Communications Commission to revise the FCC price cap regulation plan as a means of financing the development of the National Information Infrastructure (*CC Docket 94-1: Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers*).

As in many other states, Arkansas has experienced growing activity in recent years in telecommunications. A number of projects have been planned or implemented which have a positive impact on the education and economic sections of the state.

Although progress has been made, only 2 out of 209 public libraries and 95 out of 312 school districts have been connected to the Internet. There is still a great need for significant telecommunications infrastructure improvements in the state, especially in rural communities. The FCC proposal would not conflict with but would greatly compliment our state's initiatives.

Libraries not only in Arkansas but in every state must gain affordable access to the "information superhighway" as soon as possible to meet the ever-increasing information needs of millions of Americans. The estimated \$300 million per year that local telephone companies could use to finance investments in library and education infrastructure in their service territories will certainly advance the goal to connect every library and classroom to the NII.

We urge your careful consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

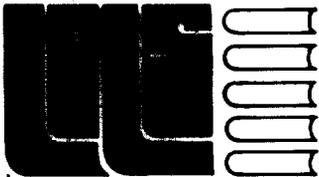
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cc: Commissioners Chong, Ness, Quello, and Barrett  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to request your support of the Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers: Ex Parte (CC Docket 94-1). This plan will be of great benefit to public libraries and schools.

Wyoming public and academic libraries are connected statewide via a computer system. The next step is for us to connect to the information superhighway. This initiative would help us reach that goal.

Wyoming has few people and great distances. Technology expands our resources and horizons providing a direct benefit to the public we serve. Please support CC Docket 94-1 and help us further connect with the world.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lucie P. Osborn  
County Librarian

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# Mountain Plains Library Association

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Honorable Reed E. Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Mountain Plains Library Association strongly supports the "Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers" (CC Docket 94-1) submitted by the Education and Library Alliance to facilitate the connection of schools and libraries to the National Information Infrastructure.

The eleven states comprising the MPLA region--from Nevada to Oklahoma and Arizona to Montana--represents nearly one-fourth of the continental area of the United States, with many citizens living in rural areas and small-towns with long distances between them. These have long been areas typically under-served by information providers. In addition, this region is served by many rural, local telephone companies which may not choose to make the technological investments necessary to assure that schools and libraries are connected to the Information Superhighway without these incentives. For these reasons, we consider this proposal vital to our region.

We, therefore, request that you give this innovative proposal your full consideration to help assure that all citizens, regardless of where they live, will have access to the advancing information technologies that promise to revolutionize communication and the dissemination of information.

Sincerely,

Blaine H. Hall  
President, Mountain Plains  
Library Association

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ROBERT L. CLARK, Jr.  
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FRANK KEATING  
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
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March 9, 1995

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

The Office of Library Development here at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries strongly urges you to support the use of rate price cap funds to assist libraries in connecting to the emerging National Information Infrastructure (CC Docket 94-1: Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers).

We feel that this proposal would benefit local schools and libraries by generating \$300 million per year that local telephone companies could use to finance investments in library and educational infrastructure in their service areas.

Here in Oklahoma, we have already put seven million records held by all types of libraries on CDROM. The next step is to put them on-line and to provide access to the information superhighway for everyone. This proposal on behalf of the nation's libraries and schools will move us closer to our goal of universal and equal access for all American people.

Sincerely,

Donna Skvarla, Administrator  
Office of Library Development

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