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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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RE: CC Docket 94-1: Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I would like to encourage strongly that you and Commissioners Barrett, Chong, Ness, and Quello adopt the proposal filed by the Education and Library Coalition to redirect the Consumer Productivity Dividend to help connect schools and libraries to the NII. That Coalition consists of the American Library Association, the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Education Association, and the National School Boards Association, as well as many other associations, organizations, and Members of Congress who have endorsed their proposal.

The Coalition's proposal is an appropriate use of regulatory incentive to benefit consumers, especially those in disadvantaged areas, who will shape the future of our nation. It is an investment that will bring on-going and healthy dividends to our country.

Although it will not solve the funding needs of all schools and libraries, it will be a giant first step.

We understand that connectivity for classrooms and libraries is a personal goal of yours and we applaud you for that. We ask for your support for the Coalition's innovative solution and for you to encourage the other Commissioners to consider it seriously.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer our view.

Sincerely,

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