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RE: CC DOCKET NO. 96-45

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Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from Sylvan Union School District, Modesto, California, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

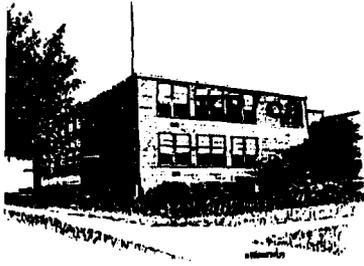
The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Margery Neder, President

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St. Michael School

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Susan Ness, Commissioner
F.C.C.
1919 M. Street N.W.
Room 814
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Dear Madam Chairman,

I would like to encourage you in any way possible to make advanced telecommunication services available to every student in every school in the country whether the school is a government or private school.

I am asking you to support the Snowe-Rockefeller-Exon-Kerry amendment to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 that would give discounts for the purchase of internal wiring, video, and Internet services at a discounted rates based on a formula related to the eligibility of students for participation in the national free-reduced price school lunch program.

We have 302 students in grades K-8 and save the state and federal tax payers much money each year, as our parents are taxpayers and also pay tuition. We are a middle class blue collar community.

I am looking forward to your response to this letter. Thank you. God bless!

To life,

Mrs. Kathleen Peters
Principal

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Elizabeth M. Visser
405 Saltaire Way
Mattituck, NY 11952



January 3, 1997

Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St, NW, Room 832
Washington, DC 20554

Re: "November 7, 1996 Recommended Decision of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service."

Dear Commissioner Ness:

The Federal-State Joint Board's recommendations on Universal Service represent the dedication of people who understand how vital enhanced technological support is to students across the country.

The students in the fifty-three Long Island school districts that are served by the Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) are the beneficiaries of your decisions.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth M. Visser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Elizabeth M. Visser, Trustee
Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services
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Fort Frye Local School District

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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am a school board member from Fort Frye Local Schools in Washington County, Ohio and I would like to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. I urge the FCC to fully adopt the recommendations of the Joint Board.

As you move ahead in your deliberation on this important issue, I urge you to seize this opportunity to bring 21st century learning to our school children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Pennock".

Mr. Daniel Pennock, President
Fort Frye Board of Education

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NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ROBERT E. TOWSEY, Ph.D.
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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
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Dear Ms. Ness:

I take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership and the leadership of the Joint Board for your strong endorsement in recommending very deep discounts to schools and libraries for telecommunication services at your November 7, 1996, meeting. The discount range of 20 to 90 percent will ensure that all schools, even the poorest, have truly affordable access to state of the art telecommunications. By being flexible, the plan will empower schools to provide adequate services that best fit their educational mission. This fortuitous step on your part is significant in that it will provide connections and Internet access that will be vital in bringing services directly to the classroom where students learn.

The North East School District's Technology Plan, as currently being revised, delineates technology needs and the benefits to the educational program. The funds that will be available to our School District through telecommunication services discounts will make our goals a reality.

Your support of the recommendations are a significant step in the process for implementing the schools and libraries provisions and are sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully,

Robert E. Towsey, Ph.D.
Superintendent

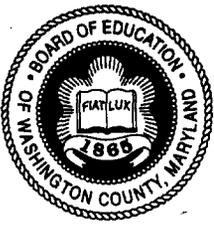
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ANDREW R. HUMPHREYS
Board Member

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Ms. Susan Ness
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Ness:

I understand that the Federal-State Joint Board of the Federal Communications Commission unanimously voted in November 1996 to recommend very deep discounts to schools and libraries for telecommunication services. I commend the Joint Board members for their strong decision to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the nation's information superhighway.

From what I have seen, this plan would empower all schools to have access that is affordable, and to have choices in the services needed to meet the needs of students in individual schools. Under this plan, all schools would also gain discounts on internal connections and access mechanisms to the Internet.

Because this plan stands to tremendously benefit every classroom and the students therein, I urge the FCC members to fully adopt the Joint Board recommendations. In your deliberations, I urge you and your colleagues to take full advantage of this unique and powerful opportunity to help our schools better prepare our students for the 21st century.

Sincerely,

Andrew R. Humphreys
Member

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
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cc: Roscoe Bartlett, U.S. House of Representatives
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Grant A. Fredericksen, Director

April 3, 1997

Honorable Susan Ness -Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW - Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Ness:

RE: CC Docket 96-45 - Universal Service to Libraries and Schools

I am writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for libraries and schools as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

The Recommended Rules allow libraries and schools significant discounts for telecommunications and critical, non-telecommunications services necessary to assure that all of our public libraries and schools are connected to the Internet and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn and work in an increasingly information driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of insuring that libraries and schools would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of poorer schools and libraries that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with the Internet. By allowing telecommunications companies and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse urban and rural areas of the State.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our libraries and schools - and ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Grant A. Fredericksen
Director

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December 27, 1996

Ms. Susan Ness, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

As Assistant Superintendent for Finance for the Hays Public School System, I want to commend you for your leadership in recommending affordable, available telecommunication services for schools.

Technology is advancing so rapidly, it is hard to keep up with even the **concepts** of change! There is **no way** most public schools can even **begin to afford** to put even a small amount of this technology into place in schools to assist the learning process for students!

With the public outcry against taxes, schools have not been given even the increase of inflation for the last five (5) years in Kansas. "Do more with less," is what state and federal legislators tell us.

The recommendations made on November 7th are a significant step in making some of the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 a reality for schools. The recommended discounts may allow schools to obtain some of the telecommunication services: networking, distance learning, and internet access. Without these kinds of discounts, most schools will continue to do without them because of cost.

Please know that you have the support of school business people like me, across the country. We thank you, as a Joint Board, for your leadership in trying to get the benefits of today's technology into our schools to help students learn.

Sincerely,

Jeannine M. Ross, RSBA
Assistant Superintendent
for Finance

cc: Fred Kaufman, Superintendent, USD #489
Michelle Richards, NSBA
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White Marsh Elementary School
29090 Thompson Corner School
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Commissioner Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
Chairman

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

We are the faculty and staff from White Marsh Elementary School in St. Mary's County, Maryland. **We are writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.**

The Telecommunications Act and the Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet. This plan will bring services directly to our classrooms where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital.

With these discounts, we could provide our students with distance learning opportunities. The students would be able to study and research using the technology found in the workplace. As a rural school, the E-rate discounts would enable students to realize growth currently unavailable due to monetary constraints.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunication services this year. We urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan giving universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

R. Bruen Rose
Peggy Munro
Machlaine E. Alberson
Kathleen Wells
Pamela M. Coplin
Gail Elliott
Dylan B. Rosemont
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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 814
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from the Menifee Union School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert O'Donnell, Member
Governing Board of Education

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cc: The Honorable Pete Wilson, Governor of the State of California

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OAKWOOD SCHOOL

James Alan Astman, Ph.D.
Headmaster

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The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Ness,

I am James Astman, Headmaster of Oakwood School in North Hollywood, California, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital, as is your inclusion of Internet Service Provider costs. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Oakwood is committed to technology both in its program and in its operation. Our goal is to provide access for every single student in our school, throughout the grades. Substantial discounts for telecommunication services this year will help ensure that access here and elsewhere. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



James Alan Astman
Headmaster

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April 23, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket #96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the Superintendent of Manheim Township School District in Pennsylvania. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that every school will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharron V. Nelson,
Superintendent

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The Mission of Manheim Township School District, building on its tradition of academic excellence, is to graduate students possessing personal integrity, a broad base of knowledge, an appreciation of cultural diversity and skills in thinking and communication all acquired through an innovative learning system which encourages creativity, individual development and prepares citizens for success

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April 16, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

As the Superintendent of Schools of the Lee's Summit R-7 School District, I would like to thank you for your continued support for affordable Internet access for all students.

As you know The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools, regardless of each district's financial resources, will have the opportunity to access the Internet and utilize distance-learning to supplement and/or enrich their curriculum. The \$2.25 billion a year funding from the Universal Service Fund will address the needs of all our schools, and, most importantly, will bring services directly into the classroom, thus impacting all students. The inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital for schools to prepare the workforce of tomorrow.

As the Superintendent of a growing district, we constantly struggle with parity issues between our old (pre-1950) buildings and our new buildings (two new elementary schools are currently under construction). The availability of deep discounts for telecommunications services this year can make it possible for us to deliver state-of-the-art technology to all of our buildings. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Tony L. Stansberry, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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JUNE D. BRADFIELD, Ed.S., Executive Director

April 24, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am Executive Director for the Heart of Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) which includes the following counties in Georgia: Bleckley, Dodge, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler, and Wilcox. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. We desperately need it.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow. I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I sent to the Georgia Public Service Commissioner that will explain our area and concerns.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

June D. Bradfield

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The Honorable Susan Ness
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Ness

As Superintendent of the Northern Bedford County School District in Loysburg, Pennsylvania, I would like to thank you for your support for the pending Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan that would provide discounted services to schools like ours. Our district lies in a rural area of the state where connection to the Internet is especially difficult to secure and is more expensive than in most other areas. We continue to make every reasonable effort to provide similar learning opportunities and advantages to our students as are provided to students in more densely populated and wealthier areas and need help in that endeavor.

All three of our schools are located on a single campus with a technology plan scheduling the complete networking of every classroom and instructional area. Discounted cost in any form will help us realize that goal much earlier than originally planned.

The potential discounts which the Act would provide will help assure that our students leave Northern Bedford for further education and employment with advantages similar to students in other parts of the state and nation. Accordingly, I encourage you to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely



David B. Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Secretary of State
Office of the Secretary

April 25, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman:

Thank you for all of your hard work towards bringing equality to our schools. The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision are going to make a tremendous difference in the education of students everywhere.

Currently, our students do not have access to the Internet at all, unless they have a computer at home. Since the majority of our students are from very low income households, very few of them even have home computers. Our school system has also been unable to afford Internet connections. This is often very frustrating when the rest of the world seems to be "connected," and is expecting you to be able to E-mail, and download items just like they do.

We are dedicated to providing the best possible education for our 671 students in spite of the adversities we face. That's why it's so imperative that the plan include services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. I urge you to please support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools. Every child counts, and every child deserves the same opportunities that those in more metropolis areas have.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura Hay
Technology Specialist

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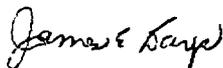
Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am the assistant principal at Montgomery County Elementary School. Thank you for all of your hard work for school districts such as ours. We really do appreciate it.

Montgomery County is a rural area with very few economic opportunities. Over 60% of our students receive free or reduced priced lunches. Our test scores tend to be slightly below the national percentile rankings also. We are working very hard to improve these statistics, and give our students the best education possible. In order to do this we need for them to have all possible educational resources available to them. The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will help to bring about parity at all school districts. We want the inclusion of internal classroom connection discounts to be possible. Students need access to the Internet right in their classrooms. Teachers need to be able to incorporate this wonderful resource right into their lessons, and they need to be able to do it immediately.

Please give your fullest consideration to this matter, and thank you again for caring about the children that will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,



James Days
Assistant Principal

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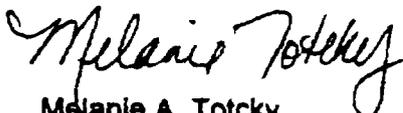
I understand that the FCC is considering a proposal to increase the business line Subscriber Line Charge and to impose a new charge, reportedly called a Federal Equitable Recovery Charge (FERC). The FERC charge is to be at least \$4.50 per line per month to support extending new telecommunications capabilities to schools, libraries and rural health care facilities. At the same time that the FCC is considering imposing these new costs on American businesses, I understand that the Commission will not take the long overdue step of bringing rates closer to the true economic cost of local access services.

I urge you not to adopt the foregoing proposals which would, in effect, impose a new tax on American businesses, regardless of whether it is characterized as a "rate re-balancing" or "modification of rate structures". The monetary burden of the \$4.50 FERC charge alone to my company would exceed \$10,000 per month.

With all due respect, I believe that the imposition of such taxes is the business of the people's representatives, not appointed officials. Nationwide educational and healthcare initiatives should be considered on a comprehensive basis by all interested authorities, not just as a telecommunications matter by the FCC.

The time for the Commission to reform its rules governing access charges, which are more than \$3 billion a year higher than they should be, is long overdue. All consumers, businesses as well as residential, deserve protection from excessive monopoly prices. The Administration's social policy agenda should be addressed in other ways and not get in the way of these reforms.

Sincerely,



Melanie A. Totcky
Manager, Telecommunications
Information Services Department

MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

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April 25, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am the director of a regional educational agency in the Middle Georgia area. In the rural areas that my agency serves, it is imperative that students have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

Our school systems need discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,

Jackie Stinchcomb

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The Honorable Reed Hundt
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1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

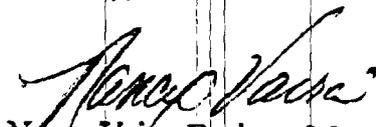
Dear Chairman Hundt,

This is a letter in support of the e-rate Telecommunication discount. Our rural school is looking forward to being able to hook our school up to the information highway.

We are a rural elementary school with 69 students. Our budget is bare bones - the costs of operating a school increase every year and our district taxpayers are not always in support of spending their taxes on education. Our budget is bare bones with little left for programs such as technology. You can understand how this bill will effect our school and almost every other school in the United States.

I encourage you to vote a hearty YES to the \$2.25 billion a year plan. The students and children of the future are counting on it.

Sincerely,


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Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Reed:

Your vote and support to provide all schools with economical access to the information highway is greatly needed. Our district, along with many others cannot keep up with the expense of providing the best in technology opportunities for our students. Your vote to provide discounts for our districts and classroom will insure that students are prepared for the 21st century.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,



Jim Paul Poole, Superintendent
Montgomery County Schools

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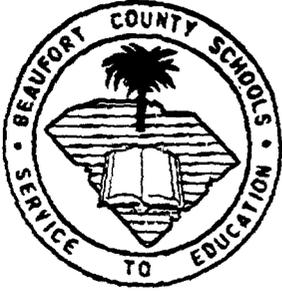
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The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
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RE: The Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As chairman of the Beaufort County Board of Education, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication toward ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 for schools and libraries, provides substantial discounts for even the poorest schools allowing them the opportunity to connect to the Internet, more importantly the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

Our schools need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I therefore urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Laura Bush, Chairman
Beaufort County Board Of Education

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Santee School District

“WHERE YOUNG MINDS MEET OPEN DOORS”

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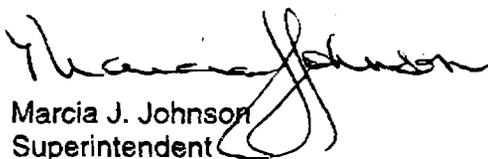
Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all students will have affordable access to the internet and distance-learning opportunities. As Superintendent of Santee School District, a suburban district in San Diego county, I personally lend my strong support for the “E-Rate” Telecommunications Discount Program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms. This program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow. Santee School District is a small district with approximately 8,400 students and our Board of Education is dedicated to a plan for wiring classrooms and purchasing computer workstations. We are committed to providing our students with the best learning environment and tools available. The “E-Rate” Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marcia J. Johnson
Superintendent

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Chairman Reed E. Hunt
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It is my understanding that you, as the Chairman of the FCC, intend to propose the following:

- Raise the cap on business multi-line Subscriber Line Charges (SLC) from \$6 per line per month to \$9.50 per line per month, including Centrex lines.
- Impose a surcharge on pre-subscribed line (PSL) for business users in the amount of \$4.50 per multi-line business line, including Centrex.
- Raise the SLC cap on second residential lines from \$3.50 to \$6.00 per month.
- Assess a \$1.00 per telephone number per month on cellular, PCS and paging customers.

The fees will be collected in support of the Universal Service Fund, to specifically pay for the discounted service to the K12, library and rural public health provider communities.

As a member of the higher education community, as a business person with limited financial resources, as a citizen, I strongly object to this proposal, based on the economic impact it will have on higher education, on my business, and on me as an ordinary citizen.

Regards,

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

We are faculty and staff from *Lacey High* in Maryland. We are writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

We would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Joint Board discount plan will guaranteed that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and, importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discount is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. We urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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