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Federal Communications Commission

Bradford J. Boston
President, SABRE Computer Services

April 24, 1997

Chairman Rachelle B. Chong
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Chong,

As a new company competing in the electronic distribution business, we at The SABRE Group are distressed with the direction the Access Charge Reform debate appears to be taking within the FCC. Within The SABRE Group, my division, SABRE Computer Services, provides infrastructure services, including telecommunications, to large customers including American Airlines. We believe that FCC plans to increase the Subscriber Line Charge and to create a new per-line charge, the FERC, while at the same time leaving price caps untouched is bad for business and bad for telecommunications competition in the United States. We urge you to reject any such plan.

Creation of the FERC, with a cost to business of a minimum of \$4.50 per line per month, would, according to our information, support the provision of advanced telecommunications functions to schools and libraries. While this social agenda may be appropriate for America, it is inappropriate for the FCC to levy a tax on business customers in the form of the FERC. If this social policy is the will of the people, then their elected representatives should determine the appropriate funding mechanism.

We are particularly concerned by the Commission's repeated long delays in adjusting the price caps formula to drive access charges down. Evidence presented to the FCC has demonstrated that the current formula allows incumbent LECs to collect more than \$3 billion in excess access charges annually. These excessive charges support exorbitant LEC earnings, exactly the opposite outcome a competitive local telecommunications environment would produce. A price caps adjustment is long overdue.

The Commission should not tolerate abusive monopoly pricing for any reason, and should not allow social policy desires to influence its decisions as America moves towards true telecommunications competition.

Sincerely,

Bradford J. Boston
President, SABRE Computer Services

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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
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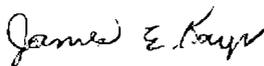
Dear Mr. Commissioner:

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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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
FCC Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner:

I am the principal of Montgomery County Elementary School. Your dedication and hard work in ensuring that school districts such as ours have affordable access to the world wide web is commendable.

In a rural area such as ours it is often difficult for students to have the same access to information as those in more metropolis areas do. We are working very hard to enusure that our students receive the best education they possibly can.

That is why we have been so excited about the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision which will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is extremely important. If areas like ours are ever going to be able to prepare our students to meet the demands of a global economy we must allow them access to one of the best means of learning available as soon as possible.

Thanks again for all of your hard work, and your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Hannah Kent
Principal

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Central Community Unit District No. 4

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As an administrator, I am writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for schools and libraries as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November. In advance, I thank you for your dedication in ensuring that schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Recommended Rules allow schools and libraries significant discounts for the telecommunications and **critical, non-telecommunications** services necessary to assure that **all** of our 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 Schools and Libraries 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 that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with the Internet. We emphasize that the inclusion of inside classroom connections for discounts is vital. Also, by allowing that the inclusion telco 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 schools and libraries--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,

Dr. Richard Bukowski
Superintendent



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Sincerely,

Richard Weakley
Technology Coordinator



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April 18, 1997

Chairman Reed Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce supports affordable and accessible modern telecommunications services and infrastructure for all consumers in the United States.

It was for these reasons we supported the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which was intended to encourage and facilitate local exchange competition and infrastructure investment.

We believe a final ruling by the Federal Communications Commission on access charges and universal service must reflect the intent of this legislation.

If we are to remain a player in the global economy, we must develop a fully competitive marketplace, one that will insure lower prices with accessibility to more services and we look to you to adopt policies which encompass support for universal service and an expedient move towards a competitive market.

Sincerely,

Vi Smith
Executive Vice President

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Springfield Public Schools

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April 22, 1997

The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am Superintendent of the Springfield Public Schools, a large urban school district in southwest Missouri. I am writing concerning CC Docket No. 96-45 and to encourage your continued support for this proposal that will ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all 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 discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing students for the workforce of tomorrow.

A discount in telecommunication costs would greatly benefit our school system in many ways. Decreasing costs associated with connecting over 50 sites to our administrative center and to the Internet, would allow for even greater learning opportunities for students by allowing the District to expand bandwidths and add more telecommunication services and equipment.

I believe it is imperative for our District to have deep discounts for telecommunications this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,



Arnold Greve, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Federal Communications Commission

Walla Walla Public Schools

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Dr. Ellen L. Wolf, Superintendent

April 24, 1997

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Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Re: Proposed \$2.25 Billion "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount

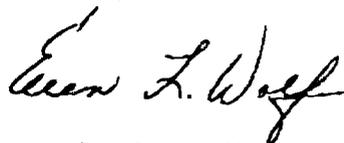
Honorable Commissioner Chong:

Please support the Joint Board's plan for a \$2.25 billion telecommunications discount to public schools. 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, most 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 work force of tomorrow.

The Walla Walla School District will be spending approximately \$50,000 per year in data communications to provide wide area networking and Internet access services for students. With the "E-Rate" Telecommunications discount in effect, out cost would be cut by approximately 50%. The discount would not only guarantee equal access for our 12 sites, it would ensure access to worldwide information and greatly assist information exchange within our district. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway and for all your efforts on behalf of public education.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ellen L. Wolf
Superintendent of Schools

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Rachel B. Chong
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Hon. Chong:

I am Dr. Richard D. Nilsen, Director of Curriculum and Instruction from Big Spring School District and 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 even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.2 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 telecommunication services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan to universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Richard D. Nilsen, Ed.D.
Director of Curriculum/Instruction

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The New England
Insurance and Investment Group

April 21, 1997

The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chong:

I am writing in response to a recent New York Time's article on the FCC's impending decision on local phone rates and the implementation of the 1966 Telecommunications Act.

The plan discussed in the article proposes to cut access charges, which is a good idea. But, to allow the local phone companies to make up the lost revenue in new and increased fees on residential consumers and small businesses is a terrible idea. First, my understanding from the article is that access charges are way above cost. To the extent they are above cost, they should be cut plain and simple.

Second, as a small business person I resent any attempt by regulators to protect local phone monopolies profits, or to recoup any lost revenues on the backs of small business. I should not have to pay more for a second or third phone line just to allow the local phone companies to maintain what is pure gravy for their bottom lines.

The cost of communications is a significant part of my business expenses and the new law was supposed to cut those costs, not increase them. Inflated access charges should be reduced by the FCC, but not at the expense of real local competition and certainly not simply to protect monopoly profits with increased or additional fees on my business.

I am anxious for the chance to choose my local phone carrier, not see my local or long distance phone bill increase just to cover the revenue stream of an antiquated system.

I look forward to hearing from you on this issue.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Kedra, CPA, MBA

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I look forward to hearing from you on this issue.

Sincerely,

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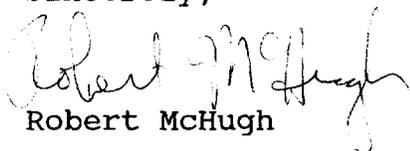
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I look forward to hearing from you on this issue.

Sincerely,


Robert McHugh

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G. Herbert Wadley, Ed. D.
Superintendent



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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20541

April 23, 1997

Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Chong:

This letter is in reference to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. As Superintendent of the Berryessa Union School District in the Santa Clara Valley, I would like to express my district's support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

All schools should have the same access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities for their students whether they be low wealth districts or districts more socially and economically well off. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools will have this opportunity. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country. More importantly, the plan will bring telecommunication services directly to the classrooms where it can have the greatest impact on students. The size of the Universal Service Fund should not be reduced nor the elimination of the inclusion discounts for internal classroom connections. This program is essential for the future role of students in the work force while developing positive attitudes toward education.

The "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for services this year. I urge you and 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 all schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


G. Herbert Wadley, Ed. D.
Superintendent

cc: Board of Trustees

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The Salk Institute for Biological Studies

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Federal Communications Commission

Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St. NW Room 814
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Commissioner Chong:

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 FERRO, of 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 it is considering imposing these new cost on American businesses, we are told 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 business, regardless of whether it is characterized as a "rate rebalancing" or "modification of rate structure". With all due respect, we believe that the imposition of such taxes is the business of the people's representatives, not appointed officials. Moreover, nationwide educational and health care initiatives should be considered on a comprehensive basis by all interested authorities, not just as a telecommunications matter by the FCC.

The time has come for the Commission to reform its rules governing access charges, which are more than 3 billion a year higher than they should be. 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,

Verrell V. Fultz
Telecommunications Administrator
The Salk Institute

Cc: Chairman Reed E. Hundt

Commissioner James H. Quello

Commissioner Susan Ness

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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
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Federal Communications Commission

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a consultant at the Heart of Georgia RESA in Eastman, Georgia. Our agency serves ten school systems in the middle Georgia area. Our schools may not be able to afford Internet access without the E-Rate. All students deserve access to the Information Highway, and especially systems which are small, rural, and have so few resources. This plan is essential for preparing our children for tomorrow's work force. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you for your dedication and support.

Cheryl West

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Office of General Counsel

Honorable Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Chong:

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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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am principal of St. Joseph's Catholic School in the Diocese of Savannah and would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and educational institutions will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

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 into the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital to this process. This plan is also essential in preparing our students for Workforce 2000.

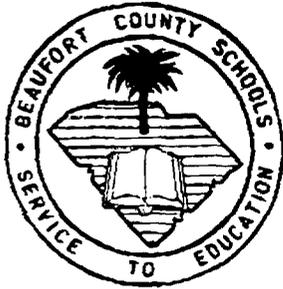
At present we have access to the Information Superhighway in our library and computer lab. One site is free the other costs us monthly. We would very much like to have access in all of our classrooms.

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 services to schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sr. Joan Serda, Principal



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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
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RE: The Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Commissioner Chong:

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.

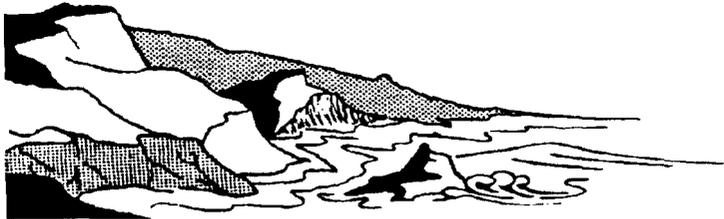
The Telecommunications Act of 1996 for schools and libraries, provides substantial discounts for even the poorest schools allowing them the opportunity to connect to the Internet, more importantly the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

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
Laura Bush, Chairman
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RR: CC Docket No. 96-45

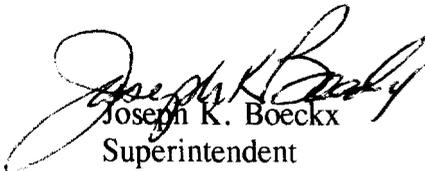
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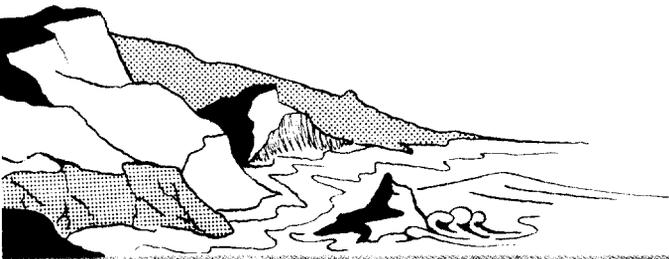
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With this discount, we would be able to purchase new adoptions of textbooks which have repeatedly been cut from our local budget. Western Pennsylvania has been extremely hard hit and our school has lost \$13,000,000 of tax base in the last ten years and we rank ninth in the Commonwealth for local tax effort.

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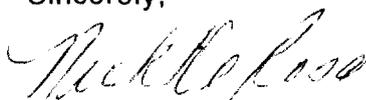
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