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Beasley Middle School
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The Honorable Rachel B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1010 Main Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

RE: CC Docket No 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a teacher from Putnam County School District, Florida, and I would like to thank you for your dedication 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 \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and most importantly, the plan will provide services for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Beasley Middle School as well as other schools in our district was recently retrofitted for the internet. We want our students to be able to learn vital skills necessary to become productive workers and informed citizens of our great nation as we enter the next millennium. In order for us to accomplish these goals, we will need discounts for telecommunications services this year. Without discounts, students will not be able to make the best use of money already spent on retrofitting our schools. As a taxpayer and educator I want the dollars spent to reap the most efficient results.

For these reasons, I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan to provide universal service for schools and libraries today and in years to come.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Jackson

Betty J. Jackson, Teacher

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Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
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Dear Commissioner Chong,

On behalf of the 280,000 insurance agents and independent agencies represented by the Independent Insurance Agents of America (IIAA), I am writing to express our interest in the upcoming decision on proposed reductions in access charges and changes to universal service. There is a concern among the IIAA membership that many of the changes you are contemplating will increase fees on small businesses.

Every single insurance agent relies on quality phone service to conduct their business, whether it is taking a claim after an automobile accident or helping a customer during the floods in North Dakota. Telecommunications is a significant cost of the IIAA membership and an essential part of their business development. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was intended to reduce these costs.

One simple way to decrease the cost of telecommunications is to reduce access charges consumers pay to originate and terminate long distance calls. However, any efforts to cut access charges while increasing fees on phones for small business is bad policy and an unfair burden on small business. Access charges should be cut.

Many of the proposals being considered by the FCC penalize small business by insuring that they will face higher rates. Small business should not be singled out to bear the burden of telecommunications deregulation. The FCC should follow the intent of Congress and the understanding of the American people when the Telecommunications Act was passed: Lower rates and increased competition.

IIAA encourages you to reject any proposal that would unfairly target small business for increased fees. I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Equale
Senior Vice President
of Government Affairs

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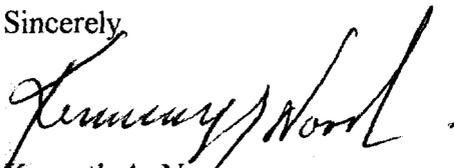
As a Public School District in Oceanside, California, we are acutely aware of the upcoming decisions that the FCC will make on May 8, 1997, concerning the final rules for dispersing the telecommunications discounts for schools and libraries commonly known as "e-rates."

On behalf of the Board of Education, the students, the teachers, the parents, and the community of Oceanside, I urge you and the commission to stand firm and provide the largest possible discount for schools and libraries. Do not acquiesce to efforts on the part of representatives of private industry to reduce the approximately \$2.25 billion that is currently being considered.

The outcome of this momentous decision will have a life-long lasting impact on the approximately 20,000 children in this school district and the approximately 150,000 members of this community. We are currently in the process of attempting to provide telecommunications throughout the Oceanside Unified School District; however, that task will be monumental without the assistance that could come through the actions of the FCC. Oceanside is a low-wealth school district with a significant number of poor children and a minority enrollment of approximately 70 percent. In order for us to accomplish preparation of our children on an equal basis with the more affluent districts and communities surrounding us, we will absolutely have to have outside assistance.

Please keep us, and the many other school districts across the country, in the forefront of your thoughts as you and your fellow commissioners make this very important decision.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Noonan
District Superintendent

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Technology Steering Committee

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

As a faculty member of Springfield Middle School in Washington County, Maryland, I am writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

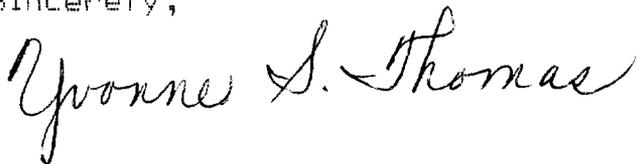
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My students need discounts for telecommunications service. I would like to urge the FCC to completely support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Yvonne S. Thomas C.F.L.E / C.F.C.S

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INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE & TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE

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Federal Communications Commission
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RACHAEL P. CHONG

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: Federal State Joint Board Recommended Decision on
Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA), which has participated in this proceeding on behalf of its fifteen member companies many of whom serve rural markets and customers, strongly supports the recommendations made by Pacific Telecom, Inc.,¹ United States Telephone Association (USTA)² and the state Joint Board members³ to establish a task force to address issues of particular significance to rural telephone service. The ITTA believes that such a task force is necessary if the Joint Board and the Commission are to implement properly Congress' goals for universal service in rural areas as set forth in the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Recommended Decision addressed many issues of vital concern to rural telephone providers. Establishing a rural task force would ensure that the Joint Board and the Commission would have the benefit of direct input from these providers as it works to resolve these complex issues. Such a task force would also help ensure that the legitimate concerns of rural consumers and providers would be given appropriate weight in the Joint Board's and the Commission's deliberations.

Sincerely,

David Zesiger
Executive Director

Cc: Commissioners Quello, Ness, and Chong

¹ See Comments of Pacific Telecom, Inc. (PTI) in Response to Questions Relating to Proxy Cost Models (filed January 7, 1997) and Comments of PTI Relating to Staff Workshops on Proxy Cost Models (filed January 24, 1997) in Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45.

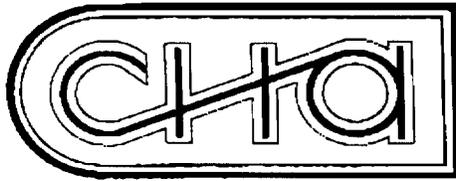
² USTA ex parte, February 18, 1997.

³ State members' Report on the Use of Cost Proxy Models,) in Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed March 26, 1997) at 4.

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Working For Your Health

MEMO

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DATE: May 5, 1997

TO: Commissioner Jim Quello
Commissioner Rachelle Chong
Commissioner Susan Ness

FROM: Larry H. Wall, President
Colorado Hospital Association

RE: Telecommunications Regulations Affecting Telemedicine



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Given the need for expediency, I have attached a position of the American Hospital Association regarding your vote on "universal service." We support the AHA position on this issue. As a state with many small rural hospitals and other providers and as a state with experience in rural Telemedicine, I can tell you it will never grow to its potential with special consideration to service charges. The areas that need it the most would be those having to pay the greatest cost unless special consideration is given to them. Telemedicine is clearly the future for many small communities throughout this country. Making it accessible at reasonable cost is essential. Your support for rural America would be greatly appreciated.

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a school superintendent from the Plain Local School District, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

Our district has received recognition as an Ohio Prototype for Technology, but we still need assistance in bringing the benefits of connectivity to all of our students and staff. On-line hook-ups and fees need to be reduced to ensure our public students receive equitable and adequate access to global information.

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 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,



William R. Mease
Superintendent
Plain Local Schools

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The School District of Haverford Township
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1801 Darby Road • Havertown, PA 19083 • 610-853-5909.

April 29, 1997

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

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Commissioner Chong,

As the Superintendent of Schools in the School District of Haverford Township, I would like to thank you for your support and dedication to education that will ensure Internet connection to every school student in Pennsylvania. This means all schools, including our own, along with the libraries in our communities, will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan guarantees that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet. With that connection, each student will be provided with distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 million a year will address the needs of our schools and, more importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. The inclusion of internal classroom connections at a discount is vital. The plan is essential to prepare students for tomorrow's work force.

Passage of this Act will allow our computer use to connect our students to the world, not only technologically, but personally. We all know thinking globally will be important for the future of our state and our country. Connecting to the world through computers will help our students learn and understand issues on a world-wide basis. Being able to connect with our county library system will also give us access to additional learning materials quickly and easily. Our children's future and the future of every child in Pennsylvania will depend on this program.

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.

Sincerely,



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There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all our nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-learners can connect with the technology they would need to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create in formed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century. As of now our school system is unable to afford Internet capabilities to extend access to each classroom. Our local telephone company has been reluctant to give our schools reduced rates. We would like for our students to have the same opportunities that are afforded to students in more affluent areas. Without the passage of the Telecommunications Act, there is very little hope that we will ever be able to provide this opportunity.

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I urge your support for the Joint Board's recommendations. Taken as a whole, they will provide affordable discounts for a full range of services needed to meet each community's diverse needs. Most importantly, these provisions, if adopted by the FCC, will make advanced technology for learning available to all Americans.

Sincerely,

Betty B. Yarnal

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Nette McLean
Concerned Parent

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Ethel Ann Dixon

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Rosemary M. Pope

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West Godwin Elementary School



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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20544

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am an elementary principal from Godwin Heights Public Schools in Wyoming, Michigan. I understand that your organization has proposed a plan to ensure that all schools will have affordable access to the Internet. I applaud such a plan. As proposed, the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide a multitude of learning possibilities to all students is essential. The money earmarked for this plan should not be cut. \$2.25 billion does sound like a lot of money, but the cost of not bringing this technology to our students classrooms is incalculable.

Our school district passed a bond issue for technology implementation in June 1995. Godwin Heights fully supports the use of technology by all students and the installation of a Wide Area Network and Local Area Network have impacted our classrooms. Our district has a technology plan that includes bringing the Internet to each classroom, but cost will be a major factor in its implementation. The FCC plan to provide deep discounts for such services would greatly influence how much we can accomplish and the time frame in which we can accomplish it.

I urge the FCC to support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Phillip L. Haack
Principal

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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 844
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

Two years ago you made a presentation at the Educational Technology conference and spoke of an educational rate that would provide every school and library in the country with discounted services for telecommunications. Your remarks were well received at the conference and I'm glad to see that this proposal is now coming to fruition.

I would like to personally thank you for your dedication and commitment to ensure that all schools have affordable access to the information superhighway. The proposed e-rate plan will begin to address some of the needs of our students in our nation's schools. This joint effort between the government and businesses will provide the schools with the electronic communications that will allow us to prepare our students for the workforce of tomorrow.

If our students are truly to be competitive, it will take the efforts of government, businesses, and education working together to provide for the best educational environment for these students. Telecommunications is the wave of the future and must be supported by all who serve education.

In closing, I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for the universal service for all schools and libraries in the nation.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Marcee Martin

Marcee E. Martin, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Via Facsimile

April 28, 1997

Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong
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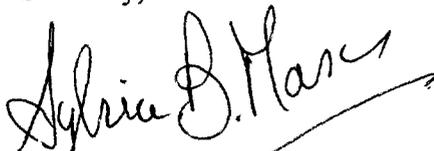
Dear Commissioner Chong:

We at CareAmerica Health Plans are very concerned about your 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 new telecommunications capabilities at schools, libraries and rural health care facilities. As a health plan with more than 263,000 group and Medicare members, we utilize approximately 800 phone lines at our company, 20 % of which are toll-free and provide free and direct access to our members should they need assistance with any aspect of their coverage or medical services. A fee of \$4.50 per line per month would add a charge of more than \$43,000 a year to our company's telephone costs, of which more than \$10,000 would be added to our current costs of providing toll-free service to these customers.

I urge you not to adopt the Subscriber Line Charge increase, which would impose an expensive, additional tax on all businesses and would impact many organizations' abilities to provide toll-free customer service and access. We believe that taxes to support telecommunications for schools, libraries, rural healthcare providers or others should be supported by all sectors, not just businesses who rely heavily on telecommunications.

It is time for the Commission to reform its rules governing access charges. All telecommunications consumers -- businesses as well as residential -- deserve protection from excessive monopoly prices. The Administration's social policy agenda should be addressed in other ways that do not penalize businesses which already are paying excessive rates to meet their telecommunications needs.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Mason
Director, Telecommunications Services
CareAmerica Health Plans

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The School District of Haverford Township
LYNNEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1400 Lawrence Road • Havertown, PA 19083 • 610-853-5930

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The Honorable Rachelle B. Chong
Federal Communications Commission
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