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**From:** "John Barrett" <argus@quest-net.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(SNESS,rchong,jquello,rhndt)  
**Date:** 5/6/97 9:35am  
**Subject:** Re: Universal Service Proposal

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I am writing to urge you to consider not promoting this proposal. After being in the dial up business for several year, this plan will only hurt small businesses and independent BBS owners. I used to run a small BBS (bulletin board system), that did not charge for services. This was for pleasure only and a "tax" similar to the one you are proposing would put these small BBS's out of business, a truly American past time (even though it may be a little known one). As a small ISP, we are barely covering cost of dialup lines now, if you add additional rates on to an already overburdened budget, you will surely drive small ISP out of business. I am sure you are gaining support from the big players in the industry, because the government will drive small guys out of the market allowing the big name providers to take over.

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Please vote against this unfair use of government taxation.

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**From:** Janet I Long <longs2@juno.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(RHUNDT)  
**Date:** 5/6/97 12:27pm  
**Subject:** Universal Service

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You are urged to consider the high school taxes that have put schools in such a high social order in the United States before you tax internet users for modem use. The YMCA, YWCA, Cooperative Extension movement, are a few community organizations that are falling into disuse as schools absorb their functions.

Public schools offer sports, games, counseling, day care, private access to unrestricted books. They have absorbed the roles of the community and the family in many places.

In the area of internet use, schools should apply to their own communities for the decision of whether internet access should be under their control and how such access should be paid for.

Federal control of education has been knocking at the door of learning for decades.

The new "living library" of the internet should not be a federal institution.

Janet Long Assistant Section Manager, American Radio Relay League,  
Retired  
Teacher

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From: "Tom & Meg Stallard" <stallard@woodland.net>  
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("rbchong")  
Date: 5/5/97 10:07pm  
Subject: Fw: E-Rate: CC Docket No. 96-45

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> Date: Monday, May 05, 1997 19:01:32  
> From: stallard  
> To: rhundt@fcc.gov  
> Subject: E-Rate: CC Docket No. 96-45

>  
> The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
> Federal Communications Commission  
> 1919 M Street, NW, Room 814  
> Washington, DC 20554

> Dear Commissioner Hundt:

> I am writing to you regarding the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications  
> Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member in Woodland,  
> CA, 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  
> to students. 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'm 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,

> Meg Stallard  
> 10 Toyon Drive  
> Woodland, CA 95695

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**From:** Clay Tinsley <tinsleyc@mail.airmail.net>  
**To:** A7.A7(RHUNDT)  
**Date:** 5/6/97 12:29am  
**Subject:** FCC Universal Service Plan

SUNSHINE PERIOD

In regard to the FCC Universal Plan that's to be voted on in a day or two... please give it consideration. There are other ways to accomplish the goal.

The plan may have adverse affects on ISP's that will cause increased costs for many. I don't care to pay more for my three home phone just because I have them. Internet access is already expensive enough. Let's not raise the costs for those who already have it.

Clay Tinsley  
tinsleyc@airmail.net

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**From:** <acsutherland@onix.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(SNESS)  
**Date:** 5/5/97 7:27pm  
**Subject:** "Universal Service"

**SUNSHINE PERIOD**

I would like to express my disapproval of the "universal service" proposal, specifically on the clause which would seem to be an outright "modem tax".

I also lodge this complaint supporting any requests by the AOP.

Andrew Sutherland  
acsutherland@onix.com

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**From:** Nevada Slim <jhwessell@lvdi.net>  
**To:** A7.A7(RHUNDT)  
**Date:** 5/5/97 6:30pm  
**Subject:** FCC Universal Service Plan

**SUNSHINE PERIOD**

As a consumer, I am opposed to this plan. It will be costly to the individual users who access the internet thru an ISP or on-line service. When their costs got up to cover the cost of this plan it will be passed along to me. Please rethink the plan and see if the funding can't be found elsewhere.

Thanks for the time.  
Jere H. Wessell  
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**CC:** A7.A7(JQUELLO,SNESS,RCHONG)

**From:** <odie@netpointe.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(SNESS)  
**Date:** 5/6/97 5:05pm  
**Subject:** Support for Universal Access

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My is Neal Smith and I work for Alliant Health System in Louisville, KY.  
I would like to voice my support for the concept of "universal service" concerning internet access. This will allow rural healthcare providers to serve their patients better by allowing access to internet health technology as it develops.

I hope you will consider supporting this concept.

Sincerely,

Neal Smith

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**From:** Carol Ormay <cormay@kyha.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(SNESS,RCHONG)  
**Date:** 5/6/97 2:00pm

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KHA - An Association of Kentucky Hospitals and Health Systems supports universal service regulations as part of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. These regulations will give our rural facilities more cost effective access to telecommunications and enable them to provide better care to patients in their communities.

Carol Blevins Ormay  
Vice President/Membership Services  
KHA

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**From:** <krkzrt@wmol.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(SNESS)  
**Date:** 5/6/97 2:08pm  
**Subject:** Modem Tax

On May 8, 1997, the Federal Communications Commission will vote on a proposal regarding "universal service." Universal Service is the program that subsidizes low-cost communication services for organizations and entities who might otherwise not be able to afford access to these services.

Chairman Hundt:

I would hope you, and the rest of the the commission, give careful consideration to the Universal Service proposal and cast a vote against it. This will only hurt small businesses by raising the cost of doing business. These service providers will be forced to raise rates that should be set by the market economy. Not by a tax placed on individual users. I am thinking of adding a second phone line to my home but with an increase in costs to pay for this program would kill that idea. This seems to work against businesses. Higher rates would mean less people buying the service. Forcing the end user to pay for this proposal is unfair to all.

Kirk Oswald

to: INT:rhundt@fcc.gov  
cc: INT:jquello@fcc.gov  
INT:sness@fcc.gov  
INT:rchong@fcc.gov

From: <shadoe@wmol.com>  
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)  
Date: May 6, 1997 12:27pm  
Subject: "Modem tax"

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As a bss user and infrequent internet user, I am appalled by the program you are trying to implement. The program is basically a modem tax. I will stop using any and all on-line services if this goes into effect. The best way for the government to help "provide affordable rates" for all is to subsidise some boards. How in the world do you expect on-line services to afford this without either losing their services or penalizing other users with higher fees. If the government feels on-line services fees are too high, they might want to subsidise users that qualify. One more question, how many "low-income" families do you hear of that have a computer? Not many, I suspect. I suspect they could care less about getting on-line in their homes. I suspect if they need to get on-line for something, they go to the library. This "modem tax" for providers and users is simply assinine and I wont have anything to do with it. I certainly hope you wont either.

Carrie Quist

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FRANKLIN AREA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
FRANKLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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21. April, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919M Street N.W. Room 814  
Washington, D. C. 20554

CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

We write in support of meaningful discounts on telecommunications services for schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The Telecommunications Act—through its Universal Service Fund provisions—mandate the development of special discount rates for all schools and libraries so that they can secure services at affordable prices.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of our nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long 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 informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Last November, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service sent to the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) a set of recommendations for implementing the Universal Service Fund provisions related to schools and libraries. These recommendations would give our learning institutions significant discounts on all services that are commercially available, with deeper discounts for those schools and libraries least able to pay and more expensive to service. All schools would get discounts on connections to classrooms and Internet connectivity, both of which are essential to providing the most advanced learning opportunities to the greatest number of students.

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

Sincerely,

*Jean M. Snyder*  
Vice President  
Franklin Area Education Association

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April 28, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am Assistant Superintendent for the Tamaqua Area 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 \$2.25 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.

As we wrestle with the development of LAN's, WAN's and internet access, we are faced with several challenges. They include the logistics involved when integrating the use of current technology to enhance instruction as well as the financial constraints which are a fact of life for a school district. The implementation of the Telecommunications Act can assist us as we strive to provide the best resources while controlling costs.

Our students would benefit from 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,

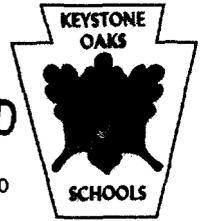
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Assistant Superintendent

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# KEYSTONE OAKS SCHOOL DISTRICT SUNSHINE PERIOD



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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner  
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**RE: CC DOCKET NO. 96-45**

Dear Commissioner Ness:

On May 8, 1997, when you vote on the FCC Federal State Joint Board's recommendation to provide significant discounts for all telecommunication services including connections within each classroom, you will have the opportunity to guarantee that all students have an equal opportunity to benefit from our nation's technological advancements. This will prove to be a major step in the efforts to prepare students for their future in which sixty percent of the jobs will require computer skills.

As a school superintendent, I can assure you that the proposed discounts would provide a major thrust to our effort to integrate technology into the curriculum. We are committed to providing our students with the computer skills that business demands and that our work force will need to maintain our competitiveness in a global economy. The Keystone Oaks School District possesses a significant infrastructure for all students to use technology in the learning process. Our major cost will be line access charges.

I encourage you to support the plan to provide discounts to schools for all telecommunication services including internal connections. This action will open the door of opportunity for every student in our country and help to prepare our work force of the future.

Sincerely,

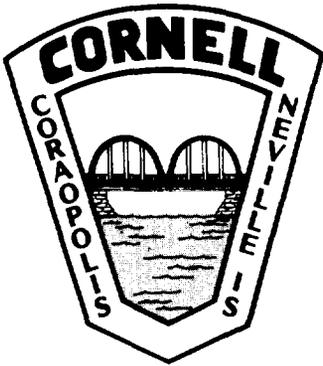
Chet C. Kent, Ph.D., J.D.  
Superintendent

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April 22, 1997

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

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the Technology Coordinator for the Cornell 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 \$2.25 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.

The Cornell School District is one of the smallest districts in Pennsylvania and is also among this area's poorest. By connecting every classroom to the wealth of information available via the Internet we can begin to level the playing field between the haves and the have-nots. This year we are embarking on an ambitious technology plan that will connect all of the classrooms in our schools to an internal network. By accessing reduced cost connections with the Information Superhighway, we can leverage the power of the computers to effectively enable our students to learn. Through an aggressive evening access program, we can offer the community at large an opportunity to access this information and improve their skills more effectively than through any other means. Cornell School District is taking the first steps towards a better-educated, more employable population. Reduced access to the Information Superhighway is a critical component to the success of our project.

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.

Cordially,

Kenneth J Norris  
Technology Coordinator

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Shippensburg Area School District  
317 North Morris Street  
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The Honorable Susan Ness  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M. Street, NW, Room 844  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the Assistant Business Administrator from the Shippensburg Area School District in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. One of my duties is working with our schools to advance technology for our students. I would like to thank you for your efforts in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

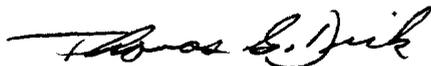
The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will provide even the poorest school districts the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country. More importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom to enhance student learning. The inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital to making learning accessible.

We plan to use the discounts available to provide internet connections in our classrooms and libraries. Teaching students how to use the new technology will be vital in preparing our students to enter the ever changing 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 for your time.

Sincerely,



Thomas G. Dick  
317 North Morris Street  
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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1919 M Street Northwest  
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Ness:

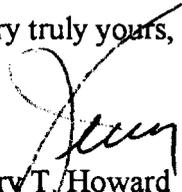
Refer to: CC Docket No. 96-45

I would like to formally present my support for a fair universal service transition plan for rural telephone companies and consumers. I believe it is vital to the future rural economic development of Missouri.

I am against the adoption of a policy that could increase rates, reverse economic development and stall telecommunications progress for all of rural Missouri; especially for Bernie, Parma, Steele, Cooter and Holland, Missouri, or any rural areas of this nation.

I would like to see the FCC modify the Joint Board's recommendation on universal service for rural telephone companies, especially those located in Missouri.

Very truly yours,

  
Jerry T. Howard  
Missouri Senator  
District 25

cc: FCC  
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Idaho Hospital Association

Commissioner Susan Ness  
Federal Communications Commission

RE: "Universal Service" Policy

Dear Commissioner Ness:

Recognizing that the Federal Communications Commission is scheduled to vote on "universal service" policy next week, I am writing on behalf of Idaho's small, rural hospitals to encourage that rural health care providers' access to telecommunications services not be made more costly than the overall costs faced by urban health care providers.

First, some sense of perspective is needed about our hospitals and our state. Most of our hospitals are small. Small, in Idaho terms, includes seven hospitals with fewer than 15 beds and many more under 40 beds. Our facilities, by in large, are rural. Rural, in Idaho terms, includes 17 frontier counties (population of less than six persons per square mile) out of 44 total. In fact, only seven Idaho counties have a population center of 20,000 or more. Fifty miles across in the northern panhandle and more than 300 miles wide in the south, Idaho encompasses nearly 53 million acres and much of our geography is challenging terrain. Clearly, we are a rural state with geographic barriers.

For this reason, the universal service provisions of the Telecommunications Act are of importance here and, if not cost prohibitive, will help to maintain and link rural hospitals to information and services outside these rural settings. Often rural health care providers must pay more because of the distances between these facilities and their urban counterparts. For those in U.S. West's territory, for example, there is a \$14 per mile per month charge for service. Given this, a rural health care provider is charged \$1,400 per month to reach a hospital 100 miles away. We believe these charges, if not subsidized, are an inequity and a detriment to the possibilities of telecommunications for rural health facilities—institutions that can benefit greatly from this link.

We also believe eligible rural health care providers should receive support to help pay toll charges if they cannot connect to the Internet via a local call. This proposal is not intended to offset Internet Service Provider (ISP) charges, but rather the long distance calls necessary to reach an ISP.

I hope that you will keep these facilities in mind as you address the "universal service" policy next week and support offsets to allow reasonable access to our rural facilities.

Sincerely,

Bonnie K. Haines  
Senior Vice President



# Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**Vargrave Richards**  
*Vice President*

**Chairman**  
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April 30, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 832  
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Commissioner Ness:

On behalf of the students of the Virgin Islands, I would like to ask you for your support to ensure that all schools have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. As the Chairman of the Committee on Education for the 22nd Legislature, I would like to also pledge my support for the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and other technology initiatives that are essential tools in contemporary classrooms.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that students all over the country will have the opportunity to get on-line and gather information from all over the world. The discount plan will save our schools over \$2.25 billion a year, which may be used to fund other important education mandates.

In the Virgin Islands, the Department of Education received a grant which enabled volunteers to wire four of the territory's public schools. The department plans to wire each of the territory's 33 public schools within the next two years. This discount plan will ensure that once our schools are wired, our students will have greater access to the Internet.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Federal-State Joint Board's discount plan for universal, affordable, Internet access for schools and libraries. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Vargrave*  
Vargrave Richards  
Chairman  
Committee on Education

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The Honorable Susan Ness  
Commissioner  
Federal Communication Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 814  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness,

As a school board member and an advocate for children in Beaufort, S.C., I would like to voice my support for the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan currently being presented to your commission.

The benefit of this plan to our educational system, to our individual schools, and most importantly to our students is certainly apparent. This plan is a solid investment in the future of our children and, therefore, our society.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,



Dr. Joseph Floyd

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The Honorable Susan Ness  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 832  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission  
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

Thank you for helping ensure that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

We are excited that the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have an opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion annually 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 and Internet Service Provider costs is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Over 70% of our students receive financial assistance to attend our school. They 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,

*Richard F. Odell*

Richard F. Odell  
President

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Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844  
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

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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.

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