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Mr. William Caton, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St. NW, Room 222
Washington DC 20554

RE: USAC & SLC Board of Directors Nominations
Public Notice Docket No. 96-45, Docket No. 97-21, DA 97-1561

Dear Mr. Caton,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letters the Education and Library Networks Coalition (EdLiNC) submitted to Chairman Hundt and Commissioner Ness with regards to our slate of nominations for the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors and the Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC) Board of Directors .

Sincerely,



On Behalf of EdLiNC
Kari Arfstrom
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Susan Ness, Commissioner
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The first chart (with public and private school candidates) relies on staggered two-year appointment to the Boards. We have also included a list of "alternates" who could represent the community if the appointed person was unable to attend a meeting. We believe that the concept of including "alternates" is important because of the highly technical nature of telecommunications and the complicated issues associated with the implementation of universal service for schools and libraries. These alternates would also be successors (see below) to the candidates. We request that the travel and per diem fees afforded to the candidate be extended to include the alternates (in order to ensure that new candidates have had sufficient exposure to integrate seamlessly into board operations).

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The second chart includes a list of qualified library candidates. We suggest that the Commission select a candidate and an alternate for the first (one year) term, and that the alternate be designated the successor to the candidate, serving a two year term.

Library Candidates
Nancy Bolt Glenn Miller Kathleen Ouye Charles Parker

Given the Commission's strong affirmation of principles of diversity in selecting the USAC board (including representatives not only from all segments of industry, but also from those entities affected by the universal service program, the consumer advocate community, and public utilities commissions), we have no doubt that the Commission will strive to choose candidates that also represent geographic and ethnic diversity.

Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of schools and libraries.



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