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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries, WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 25, 2014, Evan Marwell, CEO of EducationSuperHighway, Audra Eng, COO of EducationSuperHighway and Jim Kohlenberger of JK Strategies met with Chairman Tom Wheeler and Managing Director Jon Wilkins. In the meeting, we discussed EducationSuperHighway's work in Arkansas, our Item 21 Reporting Portal and the importance of finding a way for the E-rate program to ensure that all schools and libraries have access to fiber.

On the issue of fiber access, we noted that virtually all areas that could economically justify commercial fiber builds had already been built and thus the 15-40% of schools without fiber access were likely to need significant E-rate support for new fiber construction. We also noted that the current structure of the E-rate program, which requires schools to pay the non-discounted portion of any Non-Recurring Costs, created a significant hurdle for these schools to obtaining the fiber access they need as few have the budget to meet this obligation. This issue is particularly acute for rural schools, which often face the highest fiber construction costs due to the distance of the fiber runs required to connect them.

Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ Evan Marwell
Evan Marwell
CEO

cc: Jon Wilkins