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Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of ex parte presentation – E-rate Reform (WC Docket No. 13-184)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 25, 2014, the undersigned met with Rebekah Goodheart, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, to discuss the Commission's ongoing proceeding to reform the schools and libraries universal service program ("E-rate").

In the meeting, Cisco made a number of points that were consistent with its comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* communications in this proceeding. Cisco reiterated its strong support for increasing funding for the E-rate program and noted that it was critical to ensure funding for internal connections to connect students and teachers in the classroom. Cisco also indicated that the revamped E-rate program still is at risk for insufficiently funding internal connections to the classroom because funds are only made available for internal connections after all requests for connections to the buildings are funded. Although raising the E-rate cap will alleviate this problem in the short term, it is not clear that it will be solved for the future. Cisco discussed the possibility of capping new funds for fiber construction in order to insure that there will always be meaningful funding for internal connections.

Respectfully submitted,

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