



August 19, 2015

Chairman Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors; CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of the State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance (SECA) I want to state our support for the American Library Association's (ALA) nomination of Robert Bocher to serve on the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Board of Directors.

As ALA's nomination letter clearly articulates, Bob has been involved with the E-rate program since its inception. His knowledge of the program not only is of great benefit to Wisconsin's libraries and schools but his position as a Fellow in ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy benefits libraries and schools nationwide.

While SECA is primarily focused on schools a number of our members—like Bob—provide E-rate support for both schools and libraries in their respective states. Bob has been a member of SECA since 1999 and I can attest not just to his detailed knowledge of the program's rules and regulations but his ability to see the "bigger picture" on how the E-rate program fits into the larger network infrastructure in our libraries and schools. Bob is an active member of our organization and often contributes to the ongoing virtual conversations among our members. Furthermore, he has assisted in drafting many of the SECA filings with the FCC, including the various filings we have made as part of the recent E-rate modernization process.

Considering Bob's comprehensive knowledge of the E-rate program and his strong advocacy on behalf of libraries and schools, SECA respectfully requests Bob's appointment as the library representative on the USAC Board of Directors. Thank you very much for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Rawson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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