

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC 20554**

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

NOMINATION OF JULIE TRITT SCHELL FOR THE USAC BOARD

This letter is submitted in support of Julie Tritt Schell to continue her service as a school representative on the USAC Board. Ms. Schell is a committed public servant with vast knowledge and experience related to the E-rate program. Her reappointment would ensure that the Board continues to benefit from the breadth and depth of her expertise while at the same time providing vital continuity during this critical time of reform.

As Pennsylvania's first and only E-rate Coordinator, she has represented the interests of both rural and urban schools in her home state since 1998. She has first-hand knowledge of what it takes to fill out E-rate paperwork, lead a statewide technology consortium and negotiate statewide telecommunication contracts. Ms. Schell's service to schools extends far beyond Pennsylvania's borders. She is recognized as a leader and advocate for E-rate applicants across the United States. Her support of schools manifests itself in many ways: informal consultation with distant schools who reach out to her for help; her leadership in the State E rate Coordinator's Alliance (SECA); and, most recently, her active role on the USAC Board. Taken together, these actions demonstrate both the breadth and depth of Ms. Schell's devotion to helping schools and her dedication to the overall health and proper functioning of the E-rate program.

In the midst of the current changes to the Universal Service Fund, it is essential that USAC Board members possess an intimate, working knowledge of the E-rate program. Julie Tritt Schell is such an individual. She possesses one-of-a-kind know-how, understanding and perspective on the E-rate program. Ms. Schell is a hard-working professional with a strong track record of serving schools well, and the E-rate program would be well-served to have Ms. Schell continue her work.

I urge the FCC to reappoint Julie Tritt Schell to the USAC Board.

Sincerely,

/s/

John D. Harrington
Chief Executive Officer
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