

October 30, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman
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:

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction strongly supports the re-nomination of Julie Tritt Schell to serve as the school representative on the USAC board. Ms. Tritt Schell currently serves as Chair of the board's Schools and Libraries Committee and also serves on the Executive and Audit Committees. Her leadership on the USAC board has had a very positive impact on the board, the FCC, and all stakeholders in the four programs administered by USAC.

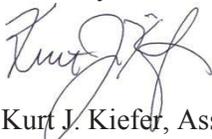
Ms. Tritt Schell is uniquely qualified to serve on the board. As the Pennsylvania State E-rate Coordinator for 17 years, she assists 1,250 schools and libraries by providing hands-on training and extensive outreach. In addition, she files E-rate applications for PAIUnet, the high speed broadband network that interconnects the state's intermediate school units. She has a comprehensive knowledge of the E-rate program which enables her to thoroughly understand the high-level FCC's policy goals and vision of the E-rate and how USAC's administration of the program impacts our schools and libraries. Consequently she is able to make many positive contributions as a board member because of her unique role as a day-to-day E-rate practitioner.

She has been a strong advocate in encouraging USAC to engage in more stakeholder outreach, which has been very beneficial and well received in the applicant and provider communities. For example, she has encouraged USAC to reach out to applicants to receive feedback on developing the new online Form 471 and the EPC web portal.

E-rate modernization has required USAC and applicants alike to implement many changes over the past year to achieve the broadband and other program goals. We know that Ms. Tritt Schell will provide the expertise and continuity on board which will be critical in ensuring that the changes from the modernization process are implemented to the benefit of our schools and libraries.

For all of the above reasons we encourage you to re-appoint Julie Tritt Schell to the USAC Board.

Sincerely,



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