

## E-rate Provider Services



November 12, 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:

E-rate Provider Services, a specialized consulting firm, working exclusively with service providers in the E-rate Program, is writing to express our strong support for the re-appointment of Julie Tritt Schell to the USAC Board as a schools' representative.

Truly qualified candidates are rare, and Ms. Schell's combination of broad and deep knowledge of the E-Rate Program, driving passion to improve access to technology for school children, boundless energy to work to make the program better at every chance, and a willingness and ability to bring different stakeholders together to better solutions, make her an outstanding USAC board member. E-Rate Provider Services follows the FCC and USAC Board closely, and we have been impressed during her current tenure at how the above-referenced qualities have benefitted applicants and service provider providers, as well as the program as a whole. She brings an insight and intellect to the position that is a powerful asset, and would be sorely missed if absent.

E-Rate Provider Services would be hard-pressed to imagine a candidate more qualified than Ms. Schell, and at a time of significant and far-reaching changes to the program, we strongly encourage continuity on the USAC Board, and specifically in the position of Chair of the Schools and Libraries Committee.

Ms. Schell represents the school community with distinction, and we support her reappointment to the USAC Board in the strongest possible terms.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Richter  
President