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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:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA), we are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the reappointment of Julie Tritt Schell to the USAC Board of Directors as a representative of schools. PASA represents more than 800 Pennsylvania chief school administrators, including school district superintendents, intermediate unit executive directors and other chief school administrators, with these individuals having a deep understanding of the importance of federal E-rate funding to their technology investments and educational goals of their schools.

She is uniquely positioned for the USAC board because of her hands-on experiences as the State E-rate Coordinator for 17 years, assisting Pennsylvania's 1250 schools and libraries by providing hands on training and outreach. Not only is she Pennsylvania's foremost expert on E-rate issues, she also is regarded as a national expert as well, serving as the Co-Chair of the State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance (SECA) since the organization's inception. Ms. Schell's background as a state educational technology director, her vast experience with schools and libraries in Pennsylvania, and her daily interaction with state coordinators nationwide make her the most qualified candidate for the USAC board position.

Additionally, PASA feels strongly that, at this stage in the FCC's E-rate Modernization implementation, it is important to have continuity on the USAC board. Ms. Schell has represented the schools community with distinction over the last three years, particularly over the last six months as the Schools and Libraries Committee Chair.

For all of these reasons, we encourage Chairman Wheeler to re-appoint Ms. Schell to the USAC Board of Directors on behalf of schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Buckheit". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Buckheit
Executive Director