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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:

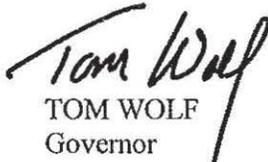
I am writing to express my strong support for the re-appointment of Julie Tritt Schell to fill the vacancy on the board of directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company as a schools' representative. We are honored to have Ms. Schell serving as the Pennsylvania E-rate Coordinator since the program's inception in 1998, helping Pennsylvania's public and nonpublic schools and public libraries obtain more than \$1.4 billion in E-rate commitments.

Ms. Schell's qualifications to serve on the USAC board are unique. She has a top down appreciation of the policies underlying state government, having served as the Director of Educational Technology for the Pennsylvania Department of Education as well as a bottom up understanding of the challenges that applicants face, when applying for E-rate discounts through her day-to-day interaction with Pennsylvania's schools and libraries. She also is Co-Chair of the State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance (SECA), representing all states before the FCC and USAC, since the program's inception, in an effort to advocate for the entire school and library community.

As you know, Ms. Schell currently serves as the Chair of the Schools and Libraries Committee on the USAC Board, and also serves on the Board's Executive and Audit Committees. We believe that the USAC board would continue to benefit greatly from the perspectives Ms. Schell has gained from serving at the state education department level as well as from her daily contact with the school and library applicants and state E-rate coordinators from 46 other states.

Because of her outstanding credentials and experience, we strongly encourage the Commission to re-appoint Julie Tritt Schell to the USAC board as the schools' representative.

Sincerely,


TOM WOLF
Governor