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The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd
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Dear Senator Dodd:

Thank you for your letter regarding the appeal filed by the Capital Region Education Council in Hartford, Connecticut, for support under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism. I recognize how important this support is to schools that want to provide their students access to telecommunications technologies.

Consistent with our obligation to review appeals of decisions made by the Universal Service Administrative Company, we currently have the Capital Region Education Council appeal under consideration. Although I am unable to comment on the merits of this appeal while it remains under review, I will ensure that your letter is placed on the record for consideration in this proceeding. We expect to issue a decision on the appeal in the near future. A copy of the decision will be sent to the Capital Region Education Council.

Thank you for your interest in this important issue. Please contact the Accounting Policy Division at 202-418-7400 if you have any additional questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Katherine L. Schroder
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