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The Honorable David D. Phelps
U.S. House of Representatives
1523 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Phelps:

Thank you for your letter regarding the appeal filed by the Shawnee Library System of Carterville, Illinois 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 Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company, we currently have the Shawnee Library System 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 Shawnee Library System.

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
Deputy Chief, Accounting Policy Division
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