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Office of Secretary

The Honorable Susan M. Collins
United States Senator
25 Sweden Street
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Caribou, ME 04736

Dear Senator Collins:

Thank you for your letter regarding the appeal filed by the Caribou Regional Technology Center 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 Caribou Regional Technology Center 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 Caribou Regional Technology Center.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Seifert
Deputy Chief, Accounting Policy Division
Common Carrier Bureau

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