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The Honorable James L. Oberstar  
U.S. House of Representatives  
231 Federal Building  
Duluth, MN 55802

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Dear Senator Oberstar:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns regarding the application filed by the Arrowhead Library System in Virginia, Minnesota 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 (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company, we currently have the Arrowhead Library System's 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 shortly. A copy of the decision will be sent to the Arrowhead 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Seifer".

Mark Seifer  
Deputy Chief, Accounting Policy Division  
Common Carrier Bureau