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The Honorable Paul D. Wellstone
United States Senate
417 Litchfield Avenue, SW
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Senator Wellstone:

Thank you for your letter expressing the concerns of Mr. William Leto regarding the application filed by Project Interconnect for support under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism. As you know, the Commission is dedicated to promoting access to telecommunications services in schools and libraries pursuant to section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934.

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 Project Interconnect'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 in the near future. A copy of the decision will be sent to Project Interconnect.

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 that reads "Mark Seifert".

Mark Seifert
Deputy Chief, Accounting Policy Division
Common Carrier Bureau