

ALA American Library Association

June 24, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting in the Matter of the
Universal Service Joint Board, Children's Internet Protection Act
CC Docket No. 96-45

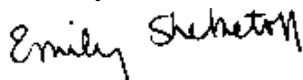
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 17, 2003, Claudette Tennant, also of the American Library Association (ALA), and I met with Diane Law Hsu, of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Jennifer Schneider. At this meeting we discussed our concerns about the timing of any rule changes required should the Supreme Court overturn the permanent injunction then enforced for libraries against the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

We detailed ALA's concerns which relate to local budgeting, procurement and policy processes; the condition of library budgets nationwide; and the complexity and expense of the software that most libraries would have to acquire to become compliant with CIPA. We strongly supported the need for ample lead-time for libraries, should they be required to comply with CIPA.

We discussed the initial regulations that were written to implement CIPA adopted March 30, 2001. We expressed support for proposing these regulations if a response is needed to the Supreme Court decision. Our support for these regulations is dependant on the understanding that Funding Year 2004 should be considered the first year that the regulations apply to libraries and that libraries should have the opportunity to "undertake actions" toward full compliance in that first year as contemplated by the law and instituted in the initial FCC regulations.

Sincerely,



Emily Sheketoff
Executive Director

CC: Diane Law Hsu and Jennifer Schneider