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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

In the matter of: Nominations for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Chairman Martin:

The Iowa Department of Education is pleased to endorse the nomination of Julie Tritt Schell to fill the schools' representative vacancy on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors.

Ms. Schell has a strong background in working with the E-rate program in her role as state E-rate coordinator for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, a position she has held since the beginning of the E-rate program. In her role as coordinator, Ms. Schell provides training to and assistance for local Pennsylvania school and library personnel in completing the necessary E-rate forms. Due to the broad cross-section of Pennsylvania schools, Ms. Schell has experience with large urban districts as well as smaller more rural areas. This basis of experience has ensured that Ms. Schell has a thorough working knowledge of the E-rate program. In short, Ms. Schell understands not only the rules of the E-rate program but also knows the details of each and every E-rate form that applicants and service providers must complete in order to obtain funding from this very vital program.

In addition to having vast experience with E-rate, Ms. Schell is a champion of the value of the E-rate program to schools and libraries nationwide. She is uniquely qualified to "hit the ground running" as a USAC Board member.

Please give Ms. Schell every consideration as an appointee to the USAC Board.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Jeffrey".

Judy Jeffrey
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