

May 4, 2006

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meetings in the Matter of the E-rate Program  
CC Docket No. 02-06

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On May 2, 2006, the following individuals visited the FCC for meetings on the E-rate in relation to libraries: Lynne Bradley, Director, American Library Association (ALA) Office of Government Relations; Carrie Lowe, Internet Policy Specialist, ALA Office for Information Technology Policy; Linda Schatz, Consultant to ALA; Linda Lord, Deputy State Librarian, Maine State Library; Michael Golrick, City Librarian, Bridgeport (CT) Public Library, and Richard Brock, E-rate Consultant, Georgia Public Library Service. This group met with Commissioner Adelstein and Scott Bergmann from his staff; and Scott Deutchman from Commissioner Copps' staff.

The focus of these meetings was the ALA comments filed in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking filed with the FCC on October 18, 2005. We reiterated our support for the simplification proposed in these comments and shared some examples from the field of why these changes are needed.

Sincerely,

Emily Sheketoff  
Executive Director, ALA Washington Office