

June 8, 2007

Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Room 8-A204  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337;*

*In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45*

Dear Commissioner Tate:

I am writing to endorse the recommendation of the Joint Board on Universal Service to place an interim, emergency cap on the amount of high-cost universal service support that competitive eligible telecommunications carriers may receive. I appreciate your leadership and that of the other members of the Joint Board and staff as you consider the difficult questions associated with the distribution mechanism for universal service support. We believe that this first step is the best way to begin a process to preserve universal service for the benefit of consumers. Without this critical action and leadership on the part of the Joint Board, the benefits that universal service provides to rural consumers would be in serious jeopardy.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Robert M. McDowell