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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW Room TW-A325

RE: Ex Parte Communication  
Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6; A  
National Broadband for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

July 27th, 2010, Brenda Williams and I, of the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), met via teleconference with Gina Spade, Rebekah Bina, James Bachtell and Regina ...of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the provision of E-rate support for each of the categories listed within the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The WVDE's comments were consistent with positions t forth in its filings in the above-referenced proceedings.

In addition to these comments, we would like to thank the FCC for its gracious waiver allowing community use of school Internet access and networks. Just a few examples of this use include:

- School Technology Nights with Libby Jarom and Tina Sulsona, Library Media Specialist and Title I teacher, at Salem Elementary in Salem, WV.
- Open Summer School Library Resources at Brookhaven Elementary in Monongalia County with School Library Media Specialist Suzie Martin.
- Evening Community Technology Training Lab classes
- Most notably, a school in West Virginia was also able to allow access during the April 2010 Upper Big Branch coal mining disaster where a school whose students were on spring break was able to act as a government and media command center during the rescue and eventual search and recovery efforts. It was at Montcoal Elementary that press conferences were held. Prior to this waiver, this type of access would not have been able to have been allowed by the school.

We foresee many other great opportunities arising as a result of this waiver as the schools begin technology planning for the upcoming year.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced dockets. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (304)558-7880.

Sincerely,

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