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Chairman Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554.

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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of Kingsport City Schools, I would like to express my support for the nomination of Dr. Daniel A. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter, specifically supporting his nomination to the position currently held by Anne Bryant, pursuant to § 54.501.

Dr. Domenech has extensive education and leadership experience, having served in public education as an educator and school superintendent for over 40 years. His direct link to public education provides a sense of continuity when it comes to representing school system-level thoughts and opinions. Through his current role as the Executive Director for AASA, Dr. Domenech is acutely aware of the crucial role the E-Rate program plays in helping schools and libraries afford telecommunications connectivity.

Domenech has served on various boards, including the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment Governing Board, the advisory board of the Department of Defense schools, and the Board of Overseers for the Baldrige Award. He currently serves on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the National Student Clearinghouse, Americas Promise, the Center for Naval Analyses, and the Sea Research Foundation. Therefore, his extensive education and leadership background would be a tremendous asset to the Board and the entire universal service program.

Again, I strongly believe Dr. Domenech's leadership at AASA and AASA's proven track record as an excellent advocate for the E-Rate program would make him a valuable resource to the USAC Board.

Thank you for your consideration of Dr. Domenech's nomination.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent