Santa Ana Unified School District

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Chairman Genachowski
Federal Communicatons 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:

I am writing to express my strongest support for the nomination of AASA Executive Director Dr. Daniel A. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. This is specifically in support of his nomination to the position currently held by Anne Bryant, pursuant to § 54.501.

Formerly as Assistant Secretary of Education in the U.S. Department of Education, and in my current position as Superintendent of the Santa Ana Unified School District, I am keenly aware of the vital role the E-Rate program plays in helping schools and libraries afford telecommunications connectivity. Dr. Domenech's 40 years of experience in public education, including seven years as superintendent of one of the largest school systems in the nation, have given him first-hand experience as an advocate for education. He understands the critical need for telecommunications and connectivity in our schools.

Dr. Domenech is widely recognized and highly respected as an educational leader. As the executive director of the American Association of School Administrators, he has built strong relationships with school districts nationwide. He has served on the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment Governing Board, on the advisory board for the Department of Defense schools, and on the Board of Overseers for the prestigious Baldridge Award. He currently serves on a number of leading boards in education and government, including the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the National Student Clearinghouse, America's Promise, the Center for Naval Analyses, and the Sea Research Foundation.

This is a leader whose broad experience and first-hand knowledge will be a tremendous addition to the USAC Board of Directors. His integrity is unparalleled as is his commitment and dedication to excellence. There is no stronger advocate for education and his presence on the USAC Board, filling the position currently held by the National School Board Association, will continue to provide a vital voice for this nation's schools and students.

Sincerely,

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