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Chairman Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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 United School Administrators of Kansas (USA|Kansas) and our member associations, I am **writing this letter to support the nomination of AASA Executive Director Daniel A. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors**. Specifically, we support his nomination to the position currently held by Anne Bryant, pursuant to § 54.501.

USA|Kansas is a professional organization representing ten school administrator associations in educational more than 2000 educational leaders. The mission of USA|Kansas, through collaboration with our member associations and national affiliates, is to serve, support and develop educational leaders that continually work for the betterment of public education.

School administrators in Kansas remain committed to ensuring that each child receives a quality education that will help them reach their potential and become successful, productive adults. Providing schools and libraries with access to affordable telecommunications connectivity is vital to ensuring our students have the resources necessary to prepare for postsecondary education and the workforce. Technology in the learning environment can remove barriers and increase access to materials and resources in a way that very few other instructional tools can. This is one reason that our administrators continue to support the E-rate program.

We believe that Dr. Domenech's experience in public education, leadership and coalition-building would make him an asset to the USAC Board. His leadership at AASA—and AASA's proven track record as an excellent advocate for the E-Rate program—reinforces his viability as a candidate for this position.

With more than 40 years of experience in public education, Dr. Domenech has extensive education and leadership experience, including first-hand experience of the critical role of telecommunications and connectivity in schools. Further, his direct link to public school systems provides a sense of continuity when it comes to representing school system-level thoughts and opinions, as he would fill the spot currently held by the NSBA.

In addition to his classroom experience, administrative roles and association leadership at the state and national levels, Dr. Domenech 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 Baldrige Award. He is currently chair for Communities in Schools of Virginia, the Learning First Alliance, the Educational Research Service and the Board of Visitors for the College of Education at the University of West Georgia. He 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.

USA|Kansas strongly supports the appointment of Dr. Domenech to the USAC Board of Directors. We believe that his broad understanding of education, education leadership and education technology, coupled with a strong work ethic and deep commitment to expanding educational opportunities to the nation's students will add to the work of USAC as it moves forward. His nomination to the USAC board provides continuity and leadership, filling the position currently held the National School Boards Association with the voice of another school system leader, that of the school administrator.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your approval of Dr. Domenech's nomination to the USAC Board of directors.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Noelle Ellerson ([nellerson@aasa.org](mailto:nellerson@aasa.org)).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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