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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries  
(WC Docket No. 13-184)

Dear Madam Secretary:

On August 7, 2013, Deb Socia, Executive Director of the City of Boston's "Tech Goes Home" ("TGH") and the undersigned met with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and Priscilla Delgado Argeris, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel. The purpose of the meeting was to outline the lessons that TGH has learned promoting sustainable broadband adoption within the City of Boston for more than a decade. TGH strives to ensure that people are provided with the tools, training, and access to support 21st century skill development. In addition, TGH provides opportunities for all Bostonians to connect to schools, community programs and assets, government agencies, and each other. The TGH program offers residents the ability to improve their quality of life as new members of the online community. TGH programs may be reviewed in detail at <http://www.techgoeshome.org/>

During our visit with Commissioner Rosenworcel and Mrs. Delgado Argeris, there were references to the role E-rate will play in continued sustainable broadband adoption. In an abundance of caution, the City of Boston files this ex parte letter. The City has yet to develop formal positions on the questions posed by the Commission in the E-Rate NPRM, but the City did express its gratitude to the Commission for its willingness to address the issue and update and improve the program's administrative process.

Pursuant to the Commission's Ex parte rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

Gerard Lavery Lederer  
for BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP

cc: Priscilla Delgado Argeris (by email)