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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries, WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 7, 2013, Kathy Zachem and the undersigned of Comcast Corporation met with Michael Steffen of the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis and Trent Harkrader and Kimberly Scardino of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

Comcast expressed support for modernizing the E-rate program to take advantage of the transformative effect that the Internet can have on the education of elementary and secondary school students. In particular, we expressed support for efforts to ensure that students have access to digital learning tools through high-speed broadband connections to the classroom. We highlighted that the broadband connection and network infrastructure in each building will likely have several common elements, although there will be variations and complexities based on the specific circumstances in each school. We discussed that schools and libraries may need access to information and tools to assist them in designing networks and using E-rate funds in a cost-effective manner, including being able to seek information from service providers in ways that are consistent with the competitive bidding process. We also provided information on the current high-speed broadband services that Comcast provides to schools and libraries, as well as Comcast's efforts to promote broadband adoption at home through programs such as Internet Essentials.

Kindly direct any questions regarding this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jordan Goldstein

Jordan Goldstein

Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Michael Steffen
Trent Harkrader
Kimberly Scardino