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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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 Secretary Dortch:

I write in strong support of the American Library Association's nomination of Linda Lord to fill the library position on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors.

First as deputy state librarian and now as state librarian, Ms Lord has long worked with Maine's public libraries on the E-rate process and helped support the statewide consortium that provides Internet access to almost 900 of the state's libraries and schools. Ms Lord also serves as chair of the American Library Association's E-rate task force, and in that capacity has gained understanding of the program and process that few librarians have. She regularly participates in the list serv of state library agency E-rate coordinators, both to share her knowledge and to learn from discussions prompted by other coordinators' questions. Ms. Lord recently was invited to testify in a Senate hearing about the E-rate program, demonstrating her understanding of the program, its benefits and its challenges.

I know of no person better qualified to serve as the library member of the USAC Board of Directors. Thank you for your consideration of Ms Lord's nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ann Joslin' in a cursive script.

Ann Joslin
State Librarian