



December 13, 2013

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 13, 2013, the following members of the Education & Libraries Networks Coalition met with Daniel Alvarez of Chairman Wheeler's Office:

Jon Bernstein and Whitney Silverman, representing the International Society for Technology in Education
Lucy Gettman, National Schools Boards Association
Kathy Knight, US Conference of Catholic Bishops
Corey Williams, National Education Association
Amanda Karhuse, National Association of Secondary School Principals
Hilary Goldmann, International Society for Technology in Education
Dale McDonald, National Catholic Education Association
Keith Krueger, Consortium for School Networking
Marijke Visser, American Library Association
Noelle Ellerson, American Association of School Administrators
Ellen Fern, National Association of Secondary School Principals

In the meeting, EdLiNC explained that the organizations around the table represented the vast majority of the program's beneficiaries and had worked on passage, implementation and individual Commission rulemakings related to the program since 1995. EdLiNC emphasized the need to raise the program's annual cap to \$5 billion in order to at least keep pace with technology changes in schools and libraries since the program's inception and demonstrated need as evidenced by aggregate application demand each year. EdLiNC noted in the discussion that significant pent-up need for internal connections existed because of limited funding available historically for Priority II and urged the Commission to place a priority in ensuring adequate internal building capacity to handle

broadband speeds. EdLiNC also highlighted the importance of developing new, broadband-focused goals for the program in line with proposals advanced by President Obama and Commissioner Rosenworcel but cautioned that any goals must not be implemented in any punitive fashion and must scale based on population served. Finally, EdLiNC underscored the importance of two key tenets of the program – technological neutrality and local decision making – and stated that they should remain bedrock principles of a future E-Rate 2.0.

Sincerely,

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