



January 28, 2014

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

Re: WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 27, 2014, the following members of the Education & Libraries Networks Coalition met with Chairman Wheeler, Gigi Sohn and Daniel Alvarez of the Chairman's staff and Patrick Halley of the Wireline Competition Bureau:

Dennis Van Roekel and Mary Kusler of the National Education Association
Sister John Mary Fleming and Kathy Knight the US Conference of Catholic Bishops
Brother Robert Bimonte and Dale McDonald of the National Catholic Education Association
JoAnn Bartoletti and Amanda Karhuse of the National Association of Secondary School Principals
Alan Fishel representing the American Library Association
Irene Spero and Reg Leichty representing the Consortium for School Networking
Noelle Ellerson of the American Association of School Administrators
Lucy Gettman of the National School Boards Association
Hilary Goldmann and Jon Bernstein representing the International Society for Technology in Education

EdLiNC emphasized the need to raise the program's annual cap to \$5 billion in order to keep pace with technology changes in schools and libraries since the program's inception and to meet demonstrated need as evidenced by aggregate application demand each year. EdLiNC noted in the discussion the value of internal connections, especially wi-fi, and that significant pent-up need for internal connections existed because of limited funding available historically for Priority II. EdLiNC noted that equity was critical for its members and that it was important to ensure that all students and library patrons gain access to high capacity bandwidth.

EdLiNC supported streamlining the application process to make it easier for small schools to apply, especially supporting multi-year applications and encouraging the formation of consortia

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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