

April 18, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* presentation in WC Docket No. 13-184**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, April 16, 2014, several representatives of The Quilt met with Jon Wilkins, Michael Steffen, Jon Chambers, Nick Alexander, James Bachtell, Chas Eberle, and Chad Breckinridge to discuss E-rate reform. The Quilt representatives included Jen Leasure (President and CEO of The Quilt), Joe Freddoso (CEO of MCNC), Don Welch (CEO of Merit Networks), Pankaj Shah (Executive Director of OARNet), Ray Timothy (CEO of Utah Education Network) and the undersigned. The Quilt members explained that R&E networks have a long history of participating in the E-rate program, both as network providers and as consortium applicants on behalf of schools and libraries. They suggested that the E-rate program should focus on supporting internal connections inside the school and library buildings and should support greater capital investment. Further information is contained in the attached powerpoint materials that were distributed at the meeting.

Sincerely,



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