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***Via ECFS***

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Re: *Notice of ex parte presentation –  
Protecting and Promoting an Open Internet (GN Docket No. 14-28)  
E-rate Reform (WC Docket No. 13-184)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 18, 2014, John Chambers, Chairman and CEO of Cisco Systems, Inc. (“Cisco”) and the undersigned met with Chairman Wheeler and Legal Advisor Daniel Alvarez to discuss the Commission’s ongoing proceedings to promote the open internet and to reform the schools and libraries universal service program (“E-rate”).

In the meeting, Cisco made a number of points that were consistent with its comments and filings in these proceedings. Cisco supports an open internet that promotes innovation in all aspects of the network, including within the network itself. So while the Commission must be concerned with ensuring that consumers can access the content and applications of their choice, it should also permit innovation involving managed services and prioritized services involving quality of service. It is important to maintain the investment in networks that have dramatically improved the quality of broadband in the United States. Reclassification of broadband internet services to Title II would have a significant negative permanent impact on investment in broadband networks and should not be considered.

With respect to the E-rate program, Cisco supports significant increases in funding for the program in conjunction with reform to focus the program on connecting students and teachers in classrooms. In particular, the Commission should abandon the Priority system that has chronically underinvested in networking and Wi-Fi in the schools and ensure adequate funding for internal networking starting in the upcoming E-rate funding year.

The Commission should move forward consistent with Cisco’s filings in both proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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