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July 7, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On July 2, 2014, the undersigned had a telephone conversation with Rebekah Goodheart, legal advisor to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, to discuss the above-referenced proceeding.

During the call, I asserted that any use of building square footage as a metric to set an E-rate funding cap for public libraries would be grossly unfair to the millions of patrons of the nation's urban libraries, many of whom are disproportionately low-income, unemployed or underemployed. Instead, the Commission should employ the same people-based measurement for libraries that the Commission is contemplating for schools. It would be administratively easy for libraries to track and report the number of individuals who access their buildings on a daily basis.

If the Commission were to retain building square footage as the metric for libraries, I stated that the Commission must increase the amount allocated per square foot of library floor space. Based on recent data provided by public libraries, including the attached letter from the Director of Information Technology at the Seattle Public Library, the appropriate funding amount should be set at \$4/square foot. I noted that this amount would ensure that all public libraries receive the

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funding necessary to deploy WiFi networks that meet the needs of their communities.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

John M. Beahn

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Attachment