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June 25, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
9300 East Hampton Drive  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: Appeal/Request for FCC waiver of filing deadline for USAC/E-Rate funding year 2014  
Entity & BEN: Children's Technological Academy (CTA) / 16077602  
Application Type & Number: Form 471 / #99176; CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Our Form 471 application for funding year 2014 was filed (signed) outside of the filing window deadline.

We are unable to proceed with the application. On behalf of the CTA, I am requesting a one-time waiver/extension of the FCC deadline date to complete the submission of USAC Form 471 application number 99176 attachment 21's.

A waiver is in order due to the following circumstances that caused our application to be late:

1. We are inexperienced. This is our first year filing for E-rate funds
2. At the deadline date we were confused between the certification of the Form 470 and the Form 471. We thought that all forms were certified by the deadline, not realizing that the Form 470 was certified and not the Form 471.
3. We tried to complete the package on our own and did not realize we could benefit greatly from some additional outside consulting assistance. We now have a consultant helping us.

CTA is a private school committed to training children to become leaders with positive principles; that will influence all areas of our society through the use of technology. The service provided by USAC/E-Rate will be a major factor in allowing CTA to provide the high level of service necessary for our students to access the latest telecommunications and Internet access, the hardware needed for assembling local networks, and maintenance of systems and machines. Granting this waiver will allow USAC/E-rate to

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help ensure that CTA can obtain this critical telecommunications and Internet access at affordable rates that will fit into our limited budget. Please let us know if additional information is needed to grant approval of this request.

My alternate point of contact is Mrs. Melika Martin. She can be contacted at [melika.o.martin@gmail.com](mailto:melika.o.martin@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

*Marvin K. Ballinger*

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