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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: *Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries*, WC Docket No. 13-184;  
*Universal Service Reform-Mobility Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-208; *Connect America Fund*,  
WC Docket No. 10-90; *Rural HealthCare Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60:  
**Notice of Ex Parte**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 28, 2014, Ron Duncan, President and CEO of General Communication, Inc. (“GCI”); Tina Pidgeon, General Counsel and Senior Vice President, Governmental Affairs, GCI; Pam Lloyd, Senior Director, GCI SchoolAccess; and Jason Bockenstedt, Manager, Governmental Affairs, GCI, met with FCC Chairman Thomas Wheeler and Patrick Halley, Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss the future of the Mobility Fund in Alaska. Senator Mark Begich; his Legislative Assistant Andrea Sanders; and Jason Suslavich, Senior Policy Advisor/Military Legislative Assistant for Representative Don Young, and Annemarie O’Brien, Superintendent, Northwest Arctic Borough School District, were also in attendance. The substance of the meeting is summarized in the attached presentation.

In addition, Ms. Lloyd; Steve Constantine, Senior Director, GCI Telehealth; and myself met with FCC Commissioner Michael O’Rielly and his Legal Advisor Amy Bender on August 22, 2014 to discuss the importance of connectivity to rural medical and educational facilities in rural Alaska, as well as the unique challenges that Alaska communications providers face in deploying and maintaining the facilities necessary to deliver that connectivity. The participants toured schools and healthcare facilities in Dillingham, Alaska and Manokotak, Alaska, led by clinic and school staff, including, among others, David Piazza, Superintendent, Southwest Region School District (“SWRSD”); Steve Noonkesser, Director of Instruction and Information Systems, SWRSD; William McLeod, Superintendent, Dillingham City Schools; Andrew Berkowski, Tech Director, Dillingham City Schools; David Morgan, VP and CFO, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporations

