



Jan. 25, 2014

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

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* presentation
WC Docket No. 13-184 and
WC Docket 10-90**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014, I met with Michael Steffen and Patrick Halley of the FCC to discuss E-rate reform and the Connect America Fund. I discussed community anchor institutions' need for high-capacity broadband in rural areas, and suggested that anchor institutions should be included in any trials and future projects funded by the Connect America Fund. I also discussed the need for additional funding in the E-rate program to accomplish the President's ConnectED goals. I stressed that the E-rate program needs to encourage the build-out of high-capacity, scalable, future-proof broadband connections through a capital investment fund. Additional funding is also necessary for internal connections in schools and libraries. We discussed how to conduct cost studies to estimate the scope of the problem. If there are any questions about this filing, please contact me at (202) 256-9616.

Sincerely,

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