March 18, 2014

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC  20554

Re: WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 14, 2014, the following members of the Education & Libraries Networks Coalition met with Gigi Sohn of the Chairman’s staff, Trent Harkrader, Lisa Hone and Patrick Halley of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Jon Wilkins of the Office of Managing Director, and Michael Steffen and Jonathan Chambers of the Office of Policy and Plans:

Mary Kusler of the National Education Association  
Keith Krueger and Reg Leichty representing the Consortium for School Networking  
Noelle Ellerson of the American Association of School Administrators  
Jon Bernstein representing the International Society for Technology in Education  
Marijke Visser of the American Library Association

During the meeting, the group discussed at length the Public Notice’s (PN) questions regarding Priority II changes and possible pilots/demonstration projects. EdLiNC made clear at the outset how difficult it was to discuss Priority II proposals without knowing how much would be available for Priority II on an annual basis. EdLiNC provided comment on whether and how much of the $2 billion that the Commission plans to make available for broadband should be furnished for Priority II applications. Additionally, EdLiNC offered critiques on the PN’s three proposals to alter the dissemination of Priority II, stating its concerns with any proposals that ignore poverty and equity as cornerstones of the program and raising concerns about any price models that do not take into account potentially wide variances in equipment and labor costs across the country. EdLiNC also restated its standing opposition to program carve-outs.
Sincerely,

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