



June 13, 2014

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 12, 2014, the following members of the Education & Libraries Networks Coalition met with Commissioner Michael O’Rielly and Amy Bender of his staff:

Corey Williams of the National Education Association  
Reg Leichty representing the Consortium for School Networking  
Sasha Pudelski of AASA: The School Superintendents Association  
Jon Bernstein, Whitney Silverman and Hilary Goldmann representing the International Society for Technology in Education  
Kathy Knight of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Amanda Karhuse of the National Association of Secondary School Principals  
Marijke Visser of the American Library Association

During the meeting, the group discussed EdLiNC’s priorities in this rulemaking, including:

- The need for increasing the program’s cap;
- The importance of maintaining the program’s focus on equity through the use of poverty measures and concerns about the impact on equity of establishing a formula-based distribution system;
- The need to maintain the program’s bedrock principles of technology neutrality and local decision-making; and
- The importance of making useful modernization adjustments to the program, including establishing broadband targets, allowing multi-year applications and increasing rural school and library participation.

EdLiNC also discussed its proposal to devote the vast majority of the \$2 billion in funds identified by the Commission to Priority II funding and to disseminate those funds under a rubric different from the current priority system: 1) restricting eligibility to identified funds to only those individual entities that have not received Priority II support in the past 5 years; and 2) modestly reducing the discount rate (by no more than 10%) for those receiving access to those funds.

EdLiNC expressed concern about proposed service eligibility eliminations, noting the adverse impact on school and library budgets of having to pay the entire cost of services eliminated.

Sincerely,

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