

ALA American Library Association

June 20, 2014

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

RE: WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On June 19, 2014 Marijke Visser, Assistant Director, ALA Office for Information Technology Policy, spoke by phone to Patrick Halley, Associate Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau. The following topics were discussed:

ALA appreciates the Commission's proposal to focus on the WiFi needs of libraries and schools but reiterated its understanding that the Commission will adhere to its commitment to also address the need for affordable high-capacity broadband for libraries and schools. ALA asked that the Commission further consider:

- Designating a portion of the down payment to Priority 1 services while designating the large majority toward Priority 2 services;
- That in any future funding models, current Priority 1 services continue to be fully funded;
- Reviewing rules or practices that may prohibit school-library partnerships in securing high-capacity broadband; and
- Specific proposals to further simplify the application process to encourage library participation in the E-rate program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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