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

Subject #1: Letter in Support of State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance Petition for Reconsideration of Order DA 16-448, Petition for Waiver and Petition for Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 02-6

Re: Department for Services to Children, Youth and Families – DSCYF Special Schools

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of the State of Delaware and its Special Schools for Juvenile Justice in the Department for Services to Children, Youth and Families (DSCYF). This letter refers to the Petition submitted by the State E-Rate Coordinators' Alliance (SECA) on May 12, 2016 asks the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau to reconsider and grant relief to applicants that missed the invoice deadline and are unable to receive their E-rate funding. Specifically, this is a request for restoral of funding for the DSCYF BEAR form that missed the invoice deadline solely due to a clerical/ministerial mistake. That refers to FRN number 2644892 for Funding Year 2014-15 under District BEN 16058378. An FCC Petition for Waiver of Deadline was filed on February 9, 2016 under CC Docket No. 02-6. The FCC letter DA 16-448 was issued on May 2, 2016.

Delaware understands the action the FCC took to tighten the invoice deadline procedures to improve program efficiency. The procedures should have room for balance when an obvious ministerial error caused a missed deadline. Our applicant did everything right but there was a BEAR deadline extension request that was missed. That was the only Funding Request Number that was missed and due to that clerical error, all funding was denied in DA 16-448.

SECA requested the Wireline Competition Bureau reconsider and grant the waiver requests that were denied initially in the April 25, 2016 Order at DA 16-448, and provide a 120-day extension to file the associated invoices.

I am asking the FCC to reconsider its denial of the appeal and grant the waiver request to this Delaware state agency. It badly needs the \$12,819.82 to fund the technology to serve education of the under-privileged juvenile justice students in Delaware. The hope is that the FCC grants the SECA Petition and grants relief to E-rate stakeholders such as our DSCYF Special School District.

Sincerely,

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