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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte, Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries, WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, November 8, 2019, Keith Krueger, Chief Executive Officer of the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN), and Reg Leichty, Founding Partner of Foresight Law + Policy spoke by phone with Nirali Patel, Chairman Agit Pai's wireline advisor. The parties discussed the Reply Comments and cybersecurity survey filed by CoSN in the above captioned proceeding. CoSN highlighted the rising number of cyberattacks on school districts and urged changes to the E-rate category two rules to make cybersecurity an eligible use. CoSN noted that while school systems are consistently adopting basic cybersecurity protections, such as firewalls and spam filtering, deployment of more advanced cybersecurity tools is limited by funding shortfalls.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, we are filing this letter electronically in the above-captioned dockets. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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