November 3, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC
Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA), we are writing to express our support for the reappointment of Julie Tritt Schell to the USAC Board of Directors as a representative of schools. AESA represents 553 educational service agencies (ESAs), also known as intermediate units or regional service agencies, in 45 states, with these agencies often having direct involvement in serving the E-rate needs of their schools. Therefore, we feel it is important to have a representative on the board that thoroughly understands the day-to-day operations of ESAs as well as schools.

Ms. Schell’s background as a state educational technology director, her vast experience with intermediate units and schools in Pennsylvania, and her daily interaction with state coordinators nationwide make her the most qualified candidate for the USAC board position.

Additionally, AESA feels strongly that, at this stage in the FCC’s E-rate Modernization implementation, it is important to have continuity on the USAC board. Ms. Schell has represented the schools community with distinction over the last three years, particularly over the last six months as the Schools and Libraries Committee Chair.

For all of these reasons, we encourage Chairman Wheeler to re-appoint Ms. Schell to the USAC Board of Directors on behalf of schools.

Sincerely,

Lee Warne
Executive Director