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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives
1511 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Johnson:

Thank you for your letter supporting the petition filed by Lazo Technologies, Inc., *et al*, for reconsideration of the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau action upholding the Universal Service Administrative Company's denial of funding under the schools and libraries universal service mechanism (commonly referred to as the E-rate program). I appreciate your bringing to my attention your interest in this matter.

In the *Lazo Order*, released on August 12, 2009, the Bureau affirmed USAC's decision to deny payment for work that Lazo performed for the Dallas Independent School District under the E-rate program, noting that the denial of funding was proper because the underlying contract for E-rate services violated the Commission's competitive bidding requirements and program rules. On October 21, 2009, the Bureau sought comment on Lazo's petition for reconsideration. The Commission did not receive any comments before the comment cycle ended on December 7, 2009.

The Commission currently is reviewing the petition and is making every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible. I would like to assure you that the Commission understands the importance of this matter to Lazo Technologies. The Commission remains committed to ensuring that eligible schools and libraries, and their related service providers, are able to realize the benefits of the E-rate program.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski".

Julius Genachowski
Chairman