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March 11, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to grant the E-Rate waiver requested by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Should the FCC not grant the waiver, it will have a detrimental impact on the school district's ability to provide a quality education in rural Northern Michigan.

On February 5, 2010, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District submitted an official appeal waiver request to the FCC. Within this submission, the school district provides a timeline and detailed explanation as to how it inadvertently misinterpreted the FCC rules for E-Rate funding requests. I encourage you to be fair and reasonable in your review of the files submitted by the school district and to recognize that officials were complying with the intent of the rules and can provide documentation to that fact.

Thank you for your attention on this important matter. I await your prompt reply. Please feel free to contact me or Ernesto Falcon of my staff at (202) 225-4735 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BART STUPAK
Member of Congress
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