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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1102

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The Honorable Thomas E. Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554-0001

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Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Aloha. I am writing in regards to a Request for Waiver of Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding year 2013-2014 submitted on September 22, 2013 (Billed Entity Number: 16043126, Form 471 Application Number: 909763, CC Docket No. 02-6) in response to an Administrative Decision issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This waiver is urgently needed and I respectfully request a timely and thorough consideration of the issue.

On September 22, 2013, Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO) Head Start submitted an official appeal waiver request to the FCC. Within the submission, MEO Head Start provided a timeline and detailed explanation as to the events that led to their late submission of Form 471. I encourage you to acknowledge the circumstances leading to MEO Head Start's late submission and the role that Federal funding changes have had on MEO Head Start's operation. Should the waiver not be granted, MEO Head Start will miss this opportunity to request discounts that are all the more imperative due to sequestration.

The service that MEO Head Start provides to the community is invaluable and will undoubtedly support USAC's mission of helping keep Americans connected.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact me or Rachel James of my staff at rachel.james@mail.house.gov or 808-541-1986 should you have any questions.

Mahalo,



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