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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to express my strong support for the nomination of Ms. Julia Benincosa Legg to serve on the Schools and Libraries Committee of the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Board of Directors. Her extensive experience and expertise would greatly benefit the board and inform their decision-making process.

As Governor, I was proud to bring fiber to every school in West Virginia. As our State E-rate Coordinator at the time, Ms. Legg has a unique perspective and a detailed understanding of both the important role connectivity plays in our education system and the deployment and continued support challenges rural communities face. She has extensive experience managing large E-rate applications. For the past 15 years, she has been responsible for filing both Telecommunications and Internal Connections at the state consortia. She also assists 20 individual school districts with their local E-rate applications and serves on the Education Subcommittee of the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council.

Thank you for considering Ms. Legg for a position on the Schools and Libraries Committee of the USAC Board of Directors and accepting this letter of support on her behalf. I look forward to continuing our work together to close the digital divide and deliver on the promise of universal service.

With warm regards,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator