

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write today in support of Julie Tritt Schell to serve on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors, as a representative of schools.

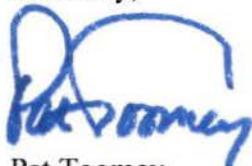
Ms. Schell has served as Pennsylvania's E-rate Coordinator since 1997, assisting 1,250 Pennsylvania schools and libraries gain access to E-rate discounts. Additionally, she applies for E-rate funding on behalf of PAIUnet, the 10 GB broadband and Internet network that interconnects Pennsylvania's 28 intermediate units, and coordinates E-rate implementation and compliance of the PA Master PEPPM contract that is used by public schools to file for Category 2 E-rate funding.

Ms. Schell is a nationally recognized expert on E-rate procurement issues, and serves as Co-Chair of the State E-rate Coordinators Alliance, and Co-Chair of the Schools, Libraries & Health Broadband Coalition's E-rate Committee. In these roles, she communicates with school officials from nearly every state on a regular basis, gaining a deep understanding of the broadband needs of their applicants. She also previously served on the USAC Board of Directors, during which time she served as Chair of the Schools and Libraries Committee.

Pennsylvania consistently ranks fifth in the US in terms of net payments to the Universal Service Fund (USF). I am confident that Ms. Schell's experience and technical expertise will ensure that she is not only an effective representative of schools, but that she is also a careful steward of the significant USF contribution made by Pennsylvania taxpayers.

I respectfully ask that you give Ms. Schell's nomination all due consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey
U.S. Senator