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The Honorable Jim Cooper
U.S. House of Representatives
1536 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

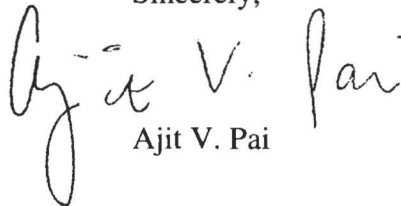
Dear Congressman Cooper:

Thank you for your letter regarding Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools' participation in the E-rate program. I understand that Metropolitan Nashville serves approximately 88,000 students in the Nashville area, and that the Universal Service Administrative Company has denied it E-Rate funding due to a clerical error. I agree with you that a loss of \$3.6 million in E-Rate funding is grossly disproportionate to the \$1,500 debt that Metropolitan Nashville owed (and has already repaid).

I have good news. Just this week, the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau granted Metropolitan Nashville relief so that it can remain eligible for E-Rate funding despite this administrative snafu. I welcome this decision by the Bureau, as I hope you will as well.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ajit V. Pai".

Ajit V. Pai