

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. MCDOWELL**

Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6

I am pleased to support this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which proposes to update the Commission's rules to comport with statutory requirements.¹ The Internet is an extremely important educational tool for students. Due to the widespread use of the Internet by minors both in school and at home, it is imperative that they be educated regarding the dangers that they may encounter online. Schools can play a critical role in supplementing this education. I commend the Chairman for updating the Commission's rules on this topic, and I look forward to hearing from interested parties.

¹ Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act, Pub. L. No. 110-385, Title II, 122 Stat. 4096 (2008) and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub. L. No. 106-554 §§ 1701 *et seq.*