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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WC Docket No. 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

We have reviewed the attached comments of the E-rate Reform Coalition (“Coalition”) filed in the above-referenced proceeding. Marion County Public Schools – which participates in the E-rate program and relies on E-rate discounts to support the technological and connectivity needs of its students, teachers, and staff – strongly supports the Coalition’s comments. In our view, and for the reasons described by the Coalition, the adoption of per-applicant funding limits and the elimination of the existing priority system is the best way to equitably distribute E-rate funds and ensure the future sustainability of the E-rate program. We also support an increase in annual E-rate funding since the demand for E-rate discounts has consistently exceeded the supply of available funds.

Sincerely yours,



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