



The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
Chairwoman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce  
Science and Transportation  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairwoman Cantwell and Ranking Member Cruz:

The Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) and the State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) strongly support President Biden's nomination of Geoffrey Starks to serve another term on the Federal Communications Commission. Commissioner Starks' work to strengthen the E-rate program and unwavering efforts to ensure that students and low-income families have home access to high-speed broadband make him an excellent choice for this vital leadership role.

Commissioner Starks has consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of the challenges faced by schools and communities in providing equitable access to high-capacity broadband for learning. His support for the E-rate program, which has been instrumental in connecting schools and libraries to the internet, and the home connected focused Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), reflects a clear commitment to ensuring that all students have on demand access to the rich digital learning opportunities required to succeed academically. By advocating for affordable broadband and connected devices, Commissioner Starks unwavering dedication to promoting digital equity, protecting consumer rights, and fostering innovation is truly commendable.

In an era where digital tools and resources are increasingly essential to education and post-secondary success, it is crucial to have leaders like Commissioner Starks at the FCC who possess a comprehensive understanding of the connectivity and other digital learning challenges faced by students, schools, and communities. His expertise and resolute support for programs like the E-rate and ACP demonstrate a clear commitment to ensuring that no student is left behind due to lack of access to broadband.

Thank you for your attention to our recommendation. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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