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Dear Mr. McDonald:

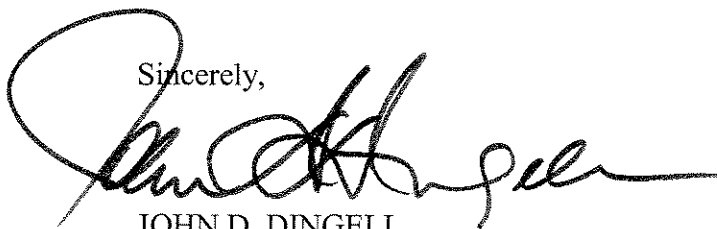
As you are aware, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Commerce has been investigating fraud, waste and abuse in the E-rate program. On a separate but related matter, I understand that hundreds of millions of dollars in E-rate commitments have been held up since August 7, 2004, because of an administrative decision by the Federal Communications Commission.

In order to assess the impact of this delay on the commitments our schools need to assure that their students are connected to the Internet, I request a list of all schools or school systems that would have received letters informing them of the availability of E-rate funds for either priority one (telephone services) and/or priority two (internal connections) uses from August 7, 2004, to date. I also request a list of all schools and/or school systems that you would have expected to receive such commitment letters on or before November 30, 2004, to the extent that they have been identified by your staff.

For each list please include the name of the school or school system, the location or address, the amount of funds that USAC proposes to commit, the E-rate year involved and the priority one/priority two designation of use. Please provide this list as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please have your staff contact David Nelson of the Committee's Democratic staff at 202-226-3400. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Chairman  
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