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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATES FOR THE PREVENTING DIGITAL DISCRIMINATION NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

GN Docket No. 22-69

Comment Date: February 21, 2023

Reply Comment Date: March 21, 2023

On December 22, 2022, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on potential rules to address digital discrimination of access to broadband, pursuant to section 60506 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.¹ Specifically, in the *Preventing Digital Discrimination NPRM*, the Commission proposes to (1) adopt a definition of “digital discrimination of access,” (2) revise the Commission’s informal consumer complaint process to accept complaints of digital discrimination of access, and (3) adopt model policies and best practices for states and localities combating digital discrimination. The *Preventing Digital Discrimination NPRM* also seeks comment on other rules the Commission should adopt to facilitate equal access and combat digital discrimination, and the legal authority for adopted rules.

On January 20, 2023, a summary of the *Preventing Digital Discrimination NPRM* was published in the Federal Register.² Accordingly, comments are due on or before **February 21, 2023**, and reply comments are due on or before **March 21, 2023**. Complete comment filing instructions are set forth in the *Preventing Digital Discrimination NPRM*.³

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¹ See *Implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Prevention and Elimination of Digital Discrimination*, GN Docket No. 22-69, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 22-98 (rel. Dec. 22, 2022) (*Preventing Digital Discrimination NPRM*); see also Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, § 60506 (2021).

² Federal Communications Commission, *Implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Prevention and Elimination of Digital Discrimination*, Proposed Rule, 88 Fed. Reg. 3681 (Jan. 20, 2023).

³ *Preventing Digital Discrimination NPRM* at para. 97.