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## COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS APPLAUDS JOINT BOARD STATEMENT ON COMPREHENSIVE USF REFORM

The Joint Board's decision is a historic step forward. At long last we are starting down the road of making broadband the central focus of universal service for the 21st century. High-speed, high value broadband isn't a luxury any more – it's a necessity, and universal service ought to be driving its deployment into every house and business in America.