

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

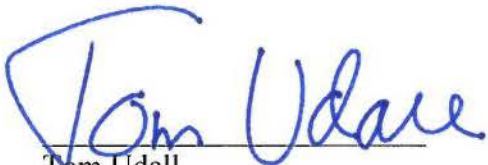
We are writing to direct your attention to three appeals that are pending before the Federal Communications Commission (Commission), filed in June by Albuquerque Public Schools, Bernalillo Public Schools, and Santa Fe Public Schools for fiber funded in the FY 2016 funding year. We strongly support the Commission grant these waivers in as expedient a manner as possible.

Each of these school districts serve areas of high need – and low broadband connectivity areas. Each waiver cite the unique challenges of the areas they are attempting to build, including late Funding Commitment Decision Letters, buildout over an Air Force base, tribal lands, and a significant number of pole attachments.

We request that the Commission provide an update as to the status of the appeals as well as an estimate as to when the Commission decisions will be issued.

Thank you and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall  
United States Senator



Martin Heinrich  
United States Senator



Ben Ray Luján  
United States Representative



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United States Representative



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United States Representative