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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

On December 13, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a *Report and Order* to revise the amount of support available for rural telephone companies that receive Alternative Connect America Model (A-CAM) support to deploy broadband in high cost areas. While I share the goals of the FCC's mission to bring high-speed broadband to rural America and support the FCC's efforts to provide funding for 25/3 Mbps broadband to more locations, I am concerned about the potential disparity between A-CAM I and A-CAM II offerings.

Pineland Telephone Cooperative Inc. (Pineland) filed a petition to reconsider the December 2018 Order on the grounds that, approximately 230,000 rural Americans live in census blocks that won't receive funding to support 25/3 Mbps. This is because their broadband providers initially elected the A-CAM offer and therefore will not be eligible for the A-CAM II offer, which will include additional support.

I respectfully ask that the FCC thoroughly review the facts of Pineland's petition to determine the best implementation method for transitions to higher speeds of broadband. Thank you for your consideration, and for your work to extend broadband to all Americans.

Regards,



David A. Perdue  
United States Senator