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

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write today to urge your full and fair consideration of policies that would protect Americans' access to communication services by ensuring that no one gets their cell phone, landline, or internet access disconnected during the COVID-19 national emergency.

The impact of COVID-19 has been wide reaching, resulting in the closure of schools and employees having to work from home. With more people being at home, access to information and communication services—whether by phone or internet access—are fundamental to the smooth operation of education, healthcare, and employment services across the country. I recognize and commend several of the network service providers for the announcements they have made in how they plan to protect consumers in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, but I write to urge supportive action by the government as well.

Again, I urge your full and fair consideration of polices that would ensure no one gets their cell phone, landline, or internet access disconnected during the COVID-19 national emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Blunt Rochester".

LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER
Member of Congress