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Carr Visiting Central Pennsylvania for Rural Broadband, 5G, and Telehealth

WASHINGTON, DC, October 20, 2020—Today, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr will visit Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for a series of events focused on rural broadband and the FCC’s role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. He will participate in a roundtable discussion hosted by the Pennsylvania Senate’s Communications and Technology Committee, alongside U.S. Rep. Scott Perry. They will discuss legislative and regulatory efforts to close the digital divide and next steps needed to address the issue.

Afterwards, Carr will visit the Whitaker Center to meet with representatives from the Pennsylvania Esports Coalition and Harrisburg University to discuss their use of 5G and its role in powering STEM education. He will then tour the Whitaker Center to see how its community classrooms are helping students stay connected through remote learning.

Carr will next visit the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center’s Harrisburg Hospital, which received funding through the FCC’s Emergency COVID-19 Telehealth Program. There he will see how UPMC has been using telehealth to more safely treat patients in the hospital, expand remote monitoring programs, and increase video and outpatient practices during the pandemic. He will round out the day with visits to 5G and high-speed Internet sites in central Pennsylvania.

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