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**FCC DENIES ZTE PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ITS
DESIGNATION AS A NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT**

***Affirms FCC's Universal Service Fund Cannot
Be Used for Equipment and Services from ZTE***

WASHINGTON, November 24, 2020—The Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) today denied a petition for reconsideration of the Bureau's June 30, 2020 [order](#) designating ZTE as a company posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain. After reviewing the record, the Bureau found no basis for reconsideration. As a result, the FCC's \$8.3 billion a year Universal Service Fund cannot be used to purchase, obtain, maintain, improve, modify, or otherwise support any equipment or services produced or provided by ZTE as well as its parents, affiliates, and subsidiaries.

“With today's order, we are taking another important step in our ongoing efforts to protect U.S. communications networks from security risks,” said FCC Chairman Ajit Pai. “At the next Open Meeting on December 10, the Commission will vote on rules to implement the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement program to help carriers remove and replace untrusted equipment from their networks, months before the statutory deadline. Now it is more vital than ever that Congress appropriate funds so that our communications networks are protected from vendors that threaten our national security.”

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