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Carr Visits Mississippi to Promote 5G Jobs Agenda

Joins Mississippi PSC Chairman Dane Maxwell, NATE Members for Events Focusing on Workforce Development, Telehealth, Infrastructure Builds, and Connectivity for Classrooms

GULFPORT, MS, March 4, 2021—Today, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr is in Mississippi for events focused on his 5G jobs initiative, which centers on standing up community college and trade school programs so that Americans earn the skills needed to land good-paying jobs in the tower and telecom industries. Those programs have already been launched in South Carolina, South Dakota, North Carolina, and Oklahoma. His visits today will also focus on telehealth, infrastructure builds, and enhanced use of technology in K-12 classrooms. At these events, he will join Dane Maxwell, Chairman of the Mississippi Public Service Commission, as well as members of NATE: The Communications Infrastructure Contractors Association, including MillerCo.

Carr will first join Chairman Maxwell in Biloxi, Mississippi, for a series of events at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC) focused on establishing 5G job training programs at community colleges and trade schools in the state, including at MGCCC and Jones County Junior College. They'll also meet with local leaders and health care providers to discuss the role of telehealth technologies in the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, as well as efforts to train K-12 educators on the use of technology to enhance student learning in the classroom.

Next, they will meet with local tower techs as they perform maintenance on wireless infrastructure builds that help provide connectivity across Southern Mississippi. Afterwards, they will travel to a Dixie Electric Power Association broadband build to discuss the impact of the FCC's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) auction in accelerating the deployment of high-speed Internet services in rural Mississippi and the challenges of building infrastructure in these areas.

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