

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1806**

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August 30, 2021

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel  
Acting Chairwoman  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street NE  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

As Hurricane Ida (DR-4611) continues to batter communities across the Gulf Coast, including nearly half the State of Louisiana, I write to ask that you use your authority to approve the intercarrier roaming agreement and help restore wireless service continuity to disaster victims. With high sustained winds and power outages affecting more than 1 million Americans, many survivors are struggling to connect to emergency resources and lifesaving supplies, get critical weather updates and information, or even to contact their friends and family. The hours immediately after a natural disaster strikes are critical, and unfortunately, hundreds of thousands of Louisianians are literally sitting in the dark.

The Federal Communications Commission has an opportunity to restore some connectivity by ensuring that providers can use all available networks until their wireless infrastructure is back up and running. I also would encourage you to work with wireless carriers, both big and small, to bring in mobile cell sites and tower trucks to provide wireless coverage in the medium-term. While first responders, emergency operation centers, and search and rescue efforts rightfully have the highest priority when it comes to service restoration, it is imperative that we do all we can to mitigate the effects of these outages.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent request.

Sincerely,



Garret Graves  
Member of Congress