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The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel  
Acting Chairwoman  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street Northeast  
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Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel,

Thank you for your letter dated May 5, 2021, regarding the Federal Communications Commission's (the Commission) continued efforts to address broadband access across the United States. I appreciated the information on the Broadband Data Task Force, the Commission's efforts to implement the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act, and the launching of the Commission's Broadband Data Collection website. I write to follow up on that letter and my initial letter dated April 5, 2021.

In recent public comments, you said the Commission is "laser-like focused on getting this service to everyone, everywhere."<sup>1</sup> I appreciate your public commitment to ensuring increased connectivity and effective and efficient deployment of the 65 million dollars appropriated by Congress to the Commission (P.L. 116-260) for this effort last December. As with all Federal programs, transparency and accountability of the taxpayers' dollars is paramount.

With this shared goal in mind, I request a timeline for completion of broadband maps capturing the nation's access. Reliable broadband connectivity is the essential link for my constituents and Americans across the country to improved access for employment, education, health care, and economic opportunities. It is long past time for the rural digital divide to be closed.

I welcome the Commission's timely response to this request and continued communication with my office.

Sincerely,



Victoria Spartz  
Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> "Cracking the Digital Divide. Politico Tech Summit: At a Digital Crossroads." *Politico*, 15 SEP 2021, [www.politico.com/politicos-tech-summit-2021-program](http://www.politico.com/politicos-tech-summit-2021-program).