

December 22, 2022

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street N.E.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

Thank you for the prompt examination of the ACAM Broadband Coalition's proposal to modify and update the Alternative Cost Model (ACAM) high-cost universal service (USF) support program and the proposal to make permanent changes to the Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support (CAF-BLS) high-cost program consistent with what the FCC has previously adopted as temporary waivers. Comments in response to the FCC's rulemaking notice demonstrate strong support for updating its high-cost programs to facilitate access to modern upload and download speeds and to ensure both the sustainability of networks once built and the affordability of services atop them. For that reason, we respectfully urge the Commission to move forward to update the ACAM and CAF-BLS programs as soon as possible.

Since their creation, high-cost USF programs like ACAM and CAF-BLS have delivered affordable service to millions of rural Americans. However, there is more to do to reach consumers in the areas these programs target as the speeds in these programs have become dated, with maximum required download speeds that limit household access to technologies like telework, telehealth, and distance learning. Without agency action, the FCC risks leaving Americans in rural areas behind.

We respectfully urge the FCC to enhance these programs as soon as possible. Doing so will position the Commission to better respond to the needs of our constituents living and working in rural high-cost areas. We appreciate your dedicated work to bring fast, reliable, and affordable broadband to every American. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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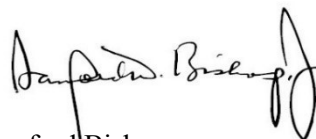
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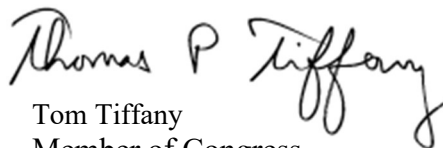
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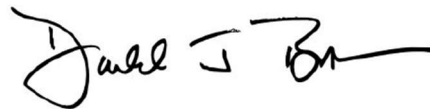
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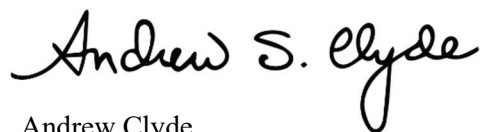
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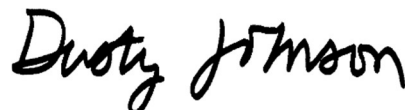
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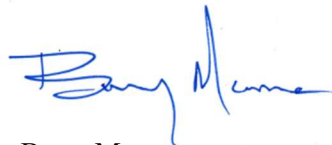
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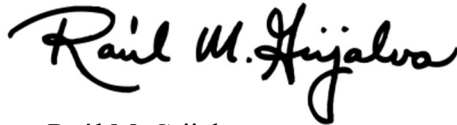
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