

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER BRENDAN CARR**

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Budget Control Mechanism Waiver Order (May 9, 2022)

As inflation continues to rage in this country, families and businesses alike are feeling the squeeze. Rural internet providers are not exempt from the pressure this puts on their costs of doing business. As a result, the dollars they need to extend their networks and connect Americans are not going nearly as far today as they did a short while ago. So today's decision makes eminent sense. Now is not the time to cut back on the support for these rural providers.