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Chairman Ajit Pai
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
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Commissioner Brendan Carr
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90.

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

Thank you for your leadership and swift action in helping restore communications service in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The devastation caused by Hurricane Maria was unprecedented, and T-Mobile has dedicated significant resources to restore service in Puerto Rico as quickly as possible. To date, T-Mobile has used nine cargo aircraft to deliver supplies and personnel to Puerto Rico, sent two barges with trucks, cells-on-wheels, and cells-on-light-trucks to the island, and has put hundreds of portable generators to use there. We have collaborated extensively with other carriers to pool resources—sharing generators and other equipment and even providing the Federal Aviation Administration a large generator to keep the San Juan airport terminal open. T-Mobile also has sent numerous emergency and disaster relief experts specializing in the restoration of communications networks to the island. Yet, even with this tremendous effort, service restoration remains a challenge.

T-Mobile on behalf of its subsidiary SunCom Wireless Puerto Rico, therefore, is pleased to accept accelerated Universal Service support to help restore service in Puerto Rico. The accelerated support bolsters our efforts and is exactly the type of private-public partnership envisioned by the Universal Service Fund. The dollars we receive will help us restore badly damaged infrastructure, including antennas, transmitters, transmission lines, and other related equipment.



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Again, we thank you for your support. Working together, we can help restore Puerto Rico's communications networks and connect currently unserved American citizens as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen O'Brien Ham
Senior Vice President, Government Affairs