



The Voice of America's Broadband Providers

January 26, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Communication: WC Docket No. 10-90**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 24, 2018, Genny Morelli and the undersigned of ITTA met with Amy Bender of the Office of Commissioner O’Rielly regarding the recently-circulated order to promote more high-speed broadband deployment in rural areas.<sup>1</sup> On January 25, 2018, Genny Morelli and the undersigned of ITTA met separately with Claude Aiken of the Office of Commissioner Clyburn, Jamie Susskind of the Office of Commissioner Carr, and Travis Litman of the Office of Commissioner Rosenworcel, all regarding the same recently-circulated order.

In our meetings, we urged the need for additional funding for model-based rural broadband deployment at \$200/month per location, and also expressed the need for additional funding for legacy-based rate-of-return carriers to alleviate the effects of the budget control mechanism. We emphasized the importance of the Commission’s rapid adoption of the draft order so as to facilitate the planning that will result in deployment of broadband to tens of thousands of unserved and underserved rural consumers.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Michael J. Jacobs  
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Claude Aiken                      Jamie Susskind  
Amy Bender                          Travis Litman

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<sup>1</sup> Press Release, FCC, Chairman Pai Proposes Over \$500 Million in Funding to Promote Rural Broadband Deployment (Jan. 16, 2018), [https://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2018/db0116/DOC-348723A1.pdf](https://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2018/db0116/DOC-348723A1.pdf).