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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

In the face of Hurricane Dorian's impact in Puerto Rico, I write to respectfully request that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) act promptly to provide the necessary assistance and identify those programs and applicable flexibilities within the agency's purview to assist the communications needs of residents, as well as those of the Island's public and private sectors during post-disaster recovery efforts.

As you are aware, President Donald Trump issued an emergency declaration for Puerto Rico on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 in response to the imminent landfall of the storm, triggering the allocation of federal assistance. Given that Puerto Rico's citizens and its public and private infrastructure are still recovering from the devastation of Hurricanes Irma and María, it is vital that FCC takes all necessary steps to ensure an adequate and timely response to this latest weather event. This is of special concern due to how this could affect ongoing efforts to recover and rebuild, which includes the projects for restoration of communications networks and services that you announced in the aftermath of Irma and María

Your initiative at the FCC has been a valuable tool during Puerto Rico's ongoing recovery process. As the Island's sole representative in Congress, I look forward to working with you to ensure this continues being the case during the response to Hurricane Dorian and in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer González-Colón
Member of Congress

Cc: The Honorable Wanda Vázquez-Garced, Governor of Puerto Rico