

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2506

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter to support Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation's ("GRM") Petition for Reconsideration of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") March 23, 2018 Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, in which an additional \$36.5 million in funding was included for the rate-of-return carriers that elected the Alternative Connect America Cost Model ("A-CAM"). The petition requests that some of the additional funding be appropriated to not-served, Abandoned Locations that do not receive any high-cost Universal Service Funding ("USF") assistance.

I am aware that the FCC is currently undertaking the task of evaluating the overall budget for USF and potentially looking to make funding increases to that budget. I ask that the FCC consider funding the Abandoned Locations first and make it a top priority. In my Congressional District alone, there are over 747 locations that have not received any type of high-cost funding assistance. It is imperative that the FCC consider the importance of having adequate, broadband deployment throughout rural northern Missouri for those communities to remain strong and intact.

Again, I ask that the FCC keep in mind these Abandoned Locations that do not currently receive any high-cost USF support during the A-CAM budget discussion. I also respectfully request the FCC take immediate action to review and grant Grand River Mutual Telephone's Petition for Reconsideration regarding funding for their Abandoned Locations.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Hegeman in my Kansas City District Office at (816) 792-3976 or Joseph.Hegeman@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Sam Graves
Member of Congress