



The Voice of America's Broadband Providers

October 30, 2017

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 October 26, 2017, Todd Foje and Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications, and Jim Butman and Drew Petersen of TDS Telecommunications, along with Genny Morelli and the undersigned of ITTA, met with Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, and Brooke Ericson and Amy Bender, Legal Advisors to Commissioner O’Rielly, regarding the above-captioned proceeding.¹

In our meeting, we emphasized the benefits and efficiencies that would be realized from funding the A-CAM Plan at \$200 per location this year, including the application of additional, specific build-out obligations.² Funding the A-CAM Plan at this level would make broadband at speeds of at least 10/1 Mbps available to at least approximately 46,000 unserved and 25,000 underserved consumers. We described benefits already accruing from the A-CAM Plan, including fiber deployment that would not have occurred otherwise, collateral increases in broadband speeds to at least 10/1 Mbps for locations in non-A-CAM-eligible areas and, overall, enhanced vitality for the broadband deployment plans of the companies accepting A-CAM Plan-based funding and its attendant build-out obligations. We estimated that funding the A-CAM Plan at \$200 per location would require slightly over an additional \$100 million/year.

¹ *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 13775 (2016) (*A-CAM Funding Order and FNPRM*).

² *See id.* at 13779, para. 12.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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