



November 9, 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 November 7, 2017, Genny Morelli and the undersigned of ITTA spoke by phone with Amy Bender of the Office of Commissioner O'Rielly regarding the above-captioned proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

In our meeting, we reiterated the benefits and efficiencies that would be realized from funding the A-CAM Plan at \$200/month per location this year, including the application of additional, specific build-out obligations.<sup>2</sup> We stressed that while the Commission needs to reevaluate high-cost program funding as a whole due to expiration of the \$4.5 billion annual budget at the end of this year, funding the A-CAM Plan at \$200/month per location by the end of this year will ensure that the tens-of-thousands of unserved and underserved consumers standing to benefit from the attendant broadband build-out obligations will not be subject to losing this benefit or having it delayed as a result of uncertainty surrounding the future high-cost program budget.

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: Amy Bender

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<sup>1</sup> *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*).

<sup>2</sup> *See id.* at 13779, para. 12.