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Mr. Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Chairman Pai:

I am writing to urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve full funding by the end of this year for the rural companies that elected to receive federal Alternative Connect America Model (A-CAM) universal service support. By acting by the end of this year, the FCC will ensure additional citizens from New Hampshire will benefit from new and/or upgraded broadband services since companies that receive A-CAM support are obligated to provide those services under the FCC's 2016 order.

I understand each company's commitment to reach additional New Hampshire citizens based on greater funding expires by the end of the year. This presents a unique opportunity for the FCC to make an immediate impact and bring broadband services to rural citizens in our state and across the country. I also recommend that the FCC expeditiously evaluate additional universal service funding for the balance of New Hampshire rural customers so they too will have the benefit of adequate broadband service.

I appreciate your hard work and dedication in attempting to bridge the digital divide in rural America. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I urge you to approve additional A-CAM funding before the end of the year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MH", written over a horizontal line.

Martin P. Honigberg  
Chairman