



September 4, 2020

VIA ECFS

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

**RE: *Eliminating Ex Ante Pricing Regulation and Tariffing of Telephone Access Charges, WC Docket No. 20-71***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday August 2, 2020, Jonathan Spalter, CEO, and Mike Saperstein, Vice President of USTelecom-The Broadband Association (“USTelecom”), together with Shirley Bloomfield, CEO and the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), spoke with Chairman Ajit Pai and Allison Baker, Economic Advisor to Chairman Pai, regarding the above-referenced proceeding. During the conversation, USTelecom and NTCA expressed their positions on, and concerns regarding the implications of, proposed reforms consistent with their respective comments in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Both Associations expressed their members’ strong commitment to broadband deployment and requested the Commission prioritize proceedings that will further our shared goals in this regard.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano

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cc: Chairman Pai  
Allison Baker

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<sup>1</sup> See Reply Comments of USTelecom WC Docket No. 20-71 (filed Aug. 4, 2020); Reply Comments of NTCA, WC Docket No. 20-71 (filed Aug. 4, 2020).