



May 11, 2021

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, May 7, 2021, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) spoke with Ramesh Nagarajan, acting wireline legal advisor to Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel.

During this conversation, consistent with prior advocacy, I encouraged the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) to waive the application of the budget control mechanism to cost-based universal service support in the face of cash flow concerns and other challenges brought on by the pandemic. *See, e.g., Ex Parte* Letter from Michael R. Romano, Sr. Vice President, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed April 26, 2021).

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano
Michael R. Romano
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Industry Affairs & Business Development
NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association

cc: Ramesh Nagarajan