June 9, 2022

Ex Parte **Notice**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C., 20554

RE: Affordable Connectivity Program, WC Docket No. 21-450
         Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, WC Docket No. 20-445

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, June 8, 2022, the undersigned on behalf of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association ("NTCA")[1] spoke with the following Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") staff: Rashann Duvall, Assistant Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Telecommunications Access Policy Division and Jessica Campbell, the Team Lead for the Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program ("ACP"). The discussion was consistent with previous advocacy on the issue. *See*, *e.g.*, *Ex Parte* Letter from Brian Ford, Vice President – Federal Regulatory, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket Nos. 21-450, 20-445 (fil. May 4, 2022). NTCA in particular reiterated its support for promoting program integrity through a usage requirement for ACP enrollees, but pointed once again to the substantial complexities and expense faced by small operators attempting to comply with the rule. The parties discussed the scope of a tailored approach for this group of companies that would promote program integrity but limit the burden on "small" operators.

 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/ Brian Ford
Brian Ford
Vice President – Federal Regulatory
NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association

cc: Rashann Duvall
         Jessica Campbell

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[1] NTCA represents approximately 850 providers of high-quality voice and broadband services in the most rural parts of the United States. In addition to voice and broadband, many NTCA members provide wireless, video, and other advanced services in their communities.