



April 5, 2019

**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 5, 2019, B. Lynn Follansbee, USTelecom, met with Arielle Roth, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly to discuss the rate floor proceeding.

During the meeting, USTelecom expressed its support for the current draft Report and Order eliminating the rate floor. The undersigned noted that USTelecom members agree with the determinations in the draft that the rate floor is an unnecessary regulatory burden for rural companies and that removal of the rate floor will ultimately make rates more affordable for rural consumers.

In addition, USTelecom reminded the Commission of the need for swift action in this matter due to the fact that some carriers have fast approaching state notification and tariffing requirements well in advance of the Commission’s deadline for action.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

USTELECOM

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Lynn Follansbee".

By: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Lynn Follansbee  
Vice President – Law & Policy

cc: Arielle Roth