May 15, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

We thank the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for its recent Order addressing certain High-Cost Universal Service Fund (USF) budget shortfalls. The recent Order is an essential near-term step in the right direction, but we encourage the FCC to adopt longer-term USF budget solutions that will ensure rural Americans the opportunity to obtain voice and broadband services on a basis that is reasonably comparable to what other Americans enjoy.

In multiple letters, Congress has expressed broad support for addressing High-Cost program shortfalls. In May 2017, nearly 160 Members of Congress wrote to the FCC, expressing concern about the impact of insufficient USF resources on rural consumers. In October 2017, nearly 75 Members of Congress asked the FCC to immediately address the budget shortfall and continue collecting the same USF budget levels for the High-Cost program pending development of a longer-term solution.

The FCC’s recent Order approving an infusion of funds into the USF is greatly welcomed, but it also represents a recognition of, and an incomplete salve for, a more significant problem – the fact that the High-Cost USF program has been and remains insufficient (notwithstanding the recent injection of support). This persistent insufficiency is affecting the ability of smaller rural broadband providers to effectively deliver broadband services in the most rural areas of America. For example, we understand the FCC’s cost model for smaller operators is still not funded at the levels as designed, while those smaller carriers that do not receive model support may face even steeper support cuts than before when the program’s new “fiscal year” takes effect on July 1. For all the work just undertaken, these recurring budget shortfalls will yet again translate to lower speeds, more unserved locations, and higher prices for rural consumers and businesses.

To be clear, we greatly appreciate the steps taken by the FCC thus far to address such concerns. However, until longer-term budget solutions are addressed as well, many smaller operators will remain unable to offer high quality, affordable broadband to consumers across rural America. For these reasons, we encourage the FCC to act as soon as possible pursuant to the notice of proposed rulemaking included with the order to provide support that is both sufficient and predictable on a longer-term basis as mandated by statute.
Thank you for your consideration. We share your goal of eliminating the digital divide and look forward to working with you to ensure rural American consumers and businesses have access to quality, affordable broadband.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cramer
Member of Congress

Luke Messer
Member of Congress

Vicente Gonzalez
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Peter Welch
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David Young
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The Honorable Kevin Cramer
U.S. House of Representatives
1717 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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July 23, 2018

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U.S. House of Representatives
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240 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2204 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2301 Rayburn House Office Building  
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
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2330 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
419 Cannon House Office Building  
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The Honorable Jared Polis  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1727 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1410 Longworth House Office Building  
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The Honorable Mike Coffman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2443 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1526 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rick Crawford  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2422 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jim Sensenbrenner  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2449 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2439 Rayburn House Office Building  
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THE CHAIRMAN
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Mike Bost
U.S. House of Representatives
1440 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Glenn Grothman
U.S. House of Representatives
1217 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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2366 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives
318 Cannon House Office Building
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1108 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1427 Longworth House Office Building  
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Ajit V. Pai

Ajit V. Pai
The Honorable Diana DeGette  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2368 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

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Ajit V. Pai
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Diane Black
U.S. House of Representatives
1131 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
414 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
118 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2081 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2434 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
137 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2452 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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326 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2227 Rayburn House Office Building  
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OFFICE OF
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July 23, 2018

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U.S. House of Representatives
1005 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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1609 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1027 Longworth House Office Building 
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Bob Latta  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2448 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Ajit V. Pai
The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1725 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2182 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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July 23, 2018

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U.S. House of Representatives
1710 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1419 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives  
416 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN  
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WASHINGTON  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
130 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2084 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

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Federal Communications Commission  
Washington  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1024 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2230 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai
The Honorable Billy Long  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2454 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Ajit V. Pai
July 23, 2018

The Honorable Kevin Yoder  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2433 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1113 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

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The Honorable Rodney Davis  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1740 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ralph Abraham  
U.S. House of Representatives  
417 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2217 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

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U.S. House of Representatives  
325 Cannon House Office Building  
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2208 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives
1424 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2202 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
2419 Rayburn House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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1222 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1117 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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July 23, 2018

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OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN
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U.S. House of Representatives  
211 Cannon House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
1319 Longworth House Office Building  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2236 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  

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July 23, 2018

The Honorable Doris Matsui
U.S. House of Representatives
2311 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
1721 Longworth House Office Building  
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2436 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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