Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

May 8, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Request for Limited Waiver and Extension of Mobility Fund Phase I Public Interest Obligations, WC Docket No. 10-90 and WT Docket No. 10-208

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We write in strong support of a petition submitted by Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Leaco) for a brief deadline extension related to the company's Mobility Fund Phase I (Mobility Fund) obligations for final disbursement of its Mobility Fund award. We respectfully request that you consider their petition and act on it promptly.

Leaco provides broadband, wireline, and wireless service in southeastern New Mexico, with a particular emphasis on serving rural communities. The 2012 Mobility Fund auction used market-based competition to help close gaps in mobile coverage across the country. Leaco successfully participated in the Mobility Fund auction and was awarded funding to extend mobile broadband and voice coverage to unserved rural areas of southeastern New Mexico. This award not only benefits local residents but also promotes public safety and economic development in the region.

However, before the Commission disburses the remainder of Leaco's Mobility Fund award, the company must complete certain construction and drive test reporting requirements by June 8, 2015. Our understanding is that Leaco has requested a brief deadline extension due to unanticipated challenges impacting network construction, which also impedes the company's ability to complete time and labor intensive drive tests to confirm coverage in some of the most remote areas supported by the award. We further understand that failure to extend this deadline could have a devastating impact on Leaco's ability to continue to provide services where it already operates.

Thank you for your consideration within your rules and guidelines. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,

Tom Udall
United States Senator

Stevan Pearce
United States Representative

Ben Ray Lujan
United States Representative

Michelle Lujan Grisham
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