CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the FCC proposes models and assumptions to identify gaps in the nation’s broadband network and to quantify the amount of support needed to close those gaps at minimal expense. We believe that the FCC’s model and assumptions cannot reliably identify broadband gaps and target support for rural areas in Wyoming. For rural areas characterized by sparse population, small population centers, and very large areas we recommend a more specific and relevant analysis involving local knowledge and closer partnership with states.

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