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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Pai:

In March, under your leadership, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules for its reverse auction of remaining funds under the Connect America Fund (CAF). We look forward to the Commission quickly completing its next steps, and we oppose any efforts or petitions to delay or alter implementation of these rules.

We applaud your efforts to extend broadband service to unserved areas of Missouri. In adopting its final rules for the CAF reverse auction, the FCC conducted a thorough review of a detailed and extensive record. The rules devised by the Commission are sound, and represent the best way to ensure all broadband technologies can bid competitively. We appreciate your work to strike a cost-effective, balanced approach among stakeholders to ensure highest possible speeds to the greatest number of unserved, rural communities. There is still work to be done to finalize auction procedures, and we oppose any petitions to delay the FCC's work or alter the methodology adopted by the Commission in March.

We appreciate your commitment to closing the digital divide in rural Missouri. The CAF auction rules are essential to this effort, and we look forward to the FCC quickly completing its next steps so rural Missourians can finally realize the benefits of broadband.

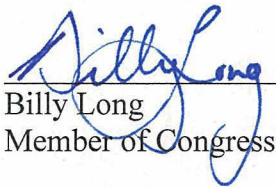
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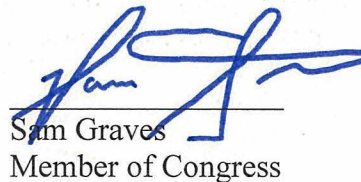
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