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**Scores of Federal and State Officials Call on the FCC to Authorize Funds This Year for Additional Broadband Buildout**

***Members of Congress, Governors, State PSC Commissioners Urge the FCC to Act***

(Washington, DC) The following statement was released today by ITTA - The Voice of America's Broadband Providers:

Over the past several weeks, scores of federal and state officials from both major political parties have weighed in with letters to Chairman Pai urging the Commission to act by the end of the year to further fund rural broadband carriers who adopted model-based broadband universal service support through the A-CAM program. To date, over 50 elected and appointed officials including U.S. senators, members of the House of Representatives, governors, lieutenant governors, state public service commission members, and other state officials have called on the FCC to increase A-CAM funding as requested. The policymakers highlight that further funding would allow many more rural consumers in their states to utilize the economic, healthcare, and educational opportunities afforded by access to broadband.

In addition to this widespread bi-partisan support from elected and appointed leaders from across the country, over 200 rural communications companies have written to the FCC entreating the Commission to provide additional funding before the end of the year. Should the Commission provide additional funding of up to \$200/month per eligible location, broadband services would be guaranteed to a minimum of over 70,000 currently unserved and underserved rural homes and small businesses throughout the United States.

"The FCC has a unique opportunity to ensure tens of thousands of rural consumers throughout the country gain expanded and improved access to the broadband services they lack today," said Genny Morelli, President of ITTA. "The Commission should embrace further funding of this

critical broadband support program, which obligates those who accept funding to deliver on the promise of bringing more broadband services to rural America. The Commission should not overlook the opportunity to act by the end of this year.”

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