

October 24, 2022

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Affordable Connectivity Program* (WC Docket No. 21-450)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

USTelecom – the Broadband Association (“USTelecom”), represented by the undersigned, NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), represented by Brian Ford, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (“NRECA”), represented by Brian O’Hara (together, the “Associations”) met via videoconference with Jessica Campbell and Allison Baker of the Wireline Competition Bureau on October 24, 2022. During the meeting, the Associations proposed the collection of data aggregated by zip code as an alternative to the more granular proposal in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.¹ This compromise would allow providers to rely on information already in their billing systems to prepare their submissions, thereby reducing the burdens of data gathering, and balances the interests of all – providers’ interest in ease of administration, consumers’ interest in a simple enrollment process, and the Commission’s interest in informative data about the Program.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Morgan E. Reeds

Morgan E. Reeds
Director, Policy & Advocacy

cc: Jessica Campbell
Allison Baker

¹ *Affordable Connectivity Program*, WC Docket No. 21-450, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC-22-44 ¶ 13 (June 8, 2022).