

February 8, 2021

**VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

45 L Street, NE

Washington, DC 20554

 **Re: Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, WC Docket No. 18-89**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

 On February 5, 2021, Michael Romano and Tamber Ray on behalf of NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”) spoke via telephone with Brian Cruikshank, Justin Faulb, Elizabeth Cuttner, Charlene Collazo Goldfield, William Layton and Pam Arluk of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

 During the call, NTCA discussed providers’ flexibility to transition technologies in connection with replacement of covered equipment pursuant to the rules set forth in the Commission’s Second Report and Order in the above-referenced docket.

 Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

 Sincerely,

 By: /s/ Tamber Ray\_\_\_\_\_

 Tamber Ray

 Regulatory Counsel

 NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association

cc: Brian Cruikshank

 Justin Faulb

 Elizabeth Cuttner

 Charlene Collazo Goldfield

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