

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We write to ask for your consideration of the relief requested by Plateau Telecommunications, Inc. (Plateau) in its Petition for Waiver and Modification of Certain Commission Rules Regarding Mobility Fund Phase I Support.

Many of our rural communities in New Mexico lack reliable and affordable mobile broadband access. However, Plateau has served rural customers on the high plains of eastern New Mexico for six decades. In 2012, Plateau successfully bid in the Commission's Auction 901 for Mobility Fund Phase I support. The 2012 Mobility Fund auction awarded one-time support to help close gaps in wireless coverage across the country. Plateau used this Mobility Fund support to deploy a 4G mobile broadband network to previously unserved rural areas in eastern New Mexico.

According to Plateau's petition, Plateau had to abandon plans to build out to all the areas covered in the Mobility Fund award. Plateau thus seeks reimbursement for only those areas where it did bring new wireless service pursuant to its Mobility Fund award. Based on Plateau's petition, Plateau ultimately transferred its mobile wireless network to another carrier due to unanticipated challenges in competing with nationwide carriers in the provision of mobile services.

We respectfully request that you consider and act on Plateau's petition promptly. Thank you for your consideration within your rules and guidelines.

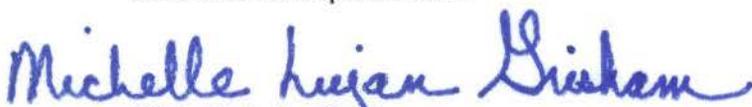
Sincerely,



Tom Udall
United States Senator



Steve Pearce
United States Representative



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United States Representative



Martin Heinrich
United States Senator



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