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General Comment: I am greatly concerned by some of the proposed changes. As a borrower, I see some things moving in the right direction while other proposed changes could greatly diminish the efficacy and the reach of this program. As a small township officer, I see the implementation of some of the wording that could eliminate the financial feasibility by too highly restricting the ability of a company to build in the nearby small towns, and as a rural citizen, I see a definite chance that the only real funding source available to companies that want to serve our areas will be hamstrung in a meaningless attempt to please political and lobby organizations that are worried that a few people that are not rural may get some internet too. While I believe that as a company, we must do our part to serve the truly unserved and underserved, this new set of rules makes it a political exercise instead of a true concerted attempt to provide broadband into rural areas. I have attached two word documents that more fully describe my comments. One of them is a letter that I had sent to several members of Congress and the Senate some time ago outlining what some of these changes could mean. The second is a more systematic set of comments on specific portions of this proposed change in rules. I have formatted the quotes, including reference when possible, in blue and my comments on that section in red. I hope this makes it easier for everyone to read. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider these comments.