I. USDA – Rural Utilities Service Funding
   A. Because securing collateral is not feasible due to treaty/trust agreements, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is in most cases the only lending source for NTTA member companies.
   B. NTTA supports full funding for all RUS broadband and telecommunications loan and grant programs

II. FCC Universal Service Fund Cap
   A. FCC proposed placing an overall cap (~$11.2 billion) on the universal service fund (High cost, Lifeline, E-Rate, Rural Healthcare)
   B. NTTA signed multi-party (64 signatories) letter opposing the cap
   C. NTTA comments submitted to FCC
      ● Broadband availability gap in Tribal areas still needs work
      ● Broadband availability data in Tribal areas is inaccurate
      ● Affordability also needs to be addressed (Lifeline, E-rate, Rural Healthcare)
      ● FCC should instead tackle USF contributions reform

III. Tribal Area Solution for Universal Service Support
   A. NTTA proposal for supplementing the FCC Legacy (non-ACAM) support mechanisms for any carrier serving Tribal areas.
   B. Basically adjusts parameters related to CAF BLS and HCLS calculations
   C. Would include certain buildout obligations

IV. Broadband Mapping
   A. GAO Report (18-630) on Tribal broadband data concluded FCC information overstates availability
   B. FCC “Digital Opportunity Data Collection (DODC)
      ● Eventually replace current census-block level Form 477 data with polygon file reporting
      ● Further input sought on identifying serviceable locations
      ● Crowd sourcing a key piece of the process, including input from Tribal governments
      ● NTTA has concerns involving addresses, parcel data, and location identification in Tribal areas
   C. Recent legislation
      ● HR 4128 – The Map Improvement Act of 2019
      ● HR 4227 – The Mapping Accuracy Promotion Services Act
      ● HR 4229 – The Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act
   D. Funding concerns related to additional mapping, filing, and overall regulatory burden increase