



October 19, 2020

The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

The National Tribal Telecommunications Association (NTTA) expresses its concern about the consumer non-payment of services being accrued resulting from the ongoing pandemic. You may recall that the NTTA membership collectively pledged to not disconnect consumers that cannot pay their telephone and/or broadband bills as a result of pandemic-related loss of income.

While NTTA stands by its efforts to keep their Tribal communities connected during these trying times, we are also troubled by the loss of revenue and its impact on our operations going forward. We request that the Commission consider financial relief so that we can maintain our networks and continue to serve our customers with robust and affordable communications services.

NTTA members serve a disproportionate number of low-income consumers. As the dire health and economic impacts continue to affect Native communities, it is more important than ever that consumers receive communications services for employment, education, health care, and entertainment during this time of required or recommended social distancing.

NTTA looks forward to working with the Commission and other policy makers to keep Native American communities healthy and economically viable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Godfrey Enjady".

Godfrey Enjady
President

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