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Ryan:

Please find attached Aim's comments on the HEA 1065 study. Thanks for your assistance yesterday! I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,
Rhonda

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Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC)
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RE: Comments on IURC study of the Indiana Utility Service Fund (IUSF)

Dear Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission:

We wish to express our interest in your study of the IUSF as directed by House Enrolled Act 1065-2018. As we understand it, there is the potential for a change in the allowable use of revenues collected in the IUSF for the expansion of broadband services to Indiana's rural and/or underserved areas. We also acknowledge, however, that the current recipients of IUSF funds, the rural local exchange carriers, have a vested interest in maintaining the IUSF funding source for their current uses. We recognize that the IURC, as directed by the General Assembly, will need to weigh and balance these two needs and many others carefully in changing or setting new policy.

Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (Aim) represents the cities and towns of Indiana and the local officials who serve them. The citizens of several municipalities, particularly in rural areas, are without access to reliable or adequate internet service. From that perspective, Aim is open to supporting new tools, funding, and regulatory mechanisms to expand service to these underserved areas and we applaud efforts to reach that goal. Connectivity is vital for our cities and towns to grow and thrive.

Please keep us informed on this issue and don't hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of assistance. We may submit further comments at a later date.

Sincerely,



Rhonda Cook
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