



The Voice of America's Broadband Providers

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(Washington) The following statement was released today by ITTA - The Voice of America's Broadband Providers and may be attributed to Genny Morelli, President of ITTA:

“ITTA has been a longstanding proponent of any federal infrastructure plan that includes set-aside funding for much-needed broadband deployment to rural America. Unfortunately, the Trump Administration's “Building a Stronger America” infrastructure initiative officially announced today misses the mark. It represents a lost opportunity to help close the digital gap and connect millions of unserved and underserved Americans to the global online economy.”

“While ITTA recognizes that streamlining the federal permitting process for broadband projects on federal lands is needed and represents a good start, it will not move the needle substantially for those millions of rural American consumers waiting for broadband speeds that will ensure connectivity for years to come.”

“ITTA looks forward to working with Congress to craft an infrastructure package that provides greater promise for the deployment of broadband throughout rural America.”

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