



July 12, 2023

Commissioner Karen Charles
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable
NARUC Committee on Telecommunications

Dear Commissioner Charles,

The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) has reviewed the following draft resolutions proposed for the 2023 NARUC Summer Policy Summit:

- TC-1 Resolution Supporting Permanent Funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program
Sponsor - Commissioner Charles (MA)
- TC-2 Resolution Proclaiming Digital Connectivity and Lifeline Awareness Week
Sponsor Commissioner Charles (MA)

Given the short time before the NARUC meeting starts, NASUCA cannot move a supporting resolution through our internal policy process. However, we wanted to communicate to you that NASUCA does support both draft NARUC resolutions. We agree that permanent funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program is of utmost importance to meet the continuing needs of the low-income families that struggle most to gain access to our digital environment. We have also maintained a long-term partnership with NARUC and the Federal Communications Commission supporting and promoting Lifeline Awareness Week. We agree that it is timely and appropriate to recognize and include broadband discounts and related subsidies in our Lifeline advocacy. NASUCA agrees that changing the name of Lifeline Awareness Week to the National Digital Connectivity and Lifeline Awareness Week is appropriate.

Sincerely,

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