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Associate Administrator Douglas Kinkoph
U.S. Department of Commerce/NTIA
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Associate Administrator Kinkoph,

On behalf of the Office of the Secretary of State of Arizona and the Brennan Center for Justice, we wanted to thank you and your team for the opportunity to speak to you on February 7 about the important work that secretaries of state and other election administrators across the country are carrying out to deliver safe, secure and accurate elections and how broadband connectivity can support them in these efforts.

We greatly appreciated your office's receptivity to considering how, as the National Telecommunications and Information Administration makes historic investments in broadband across the United States to close the digital divide, state and local election administrators can be engaged as stakeholders to ensure that these critical long-term investments also support voting and elections infrastructure, which was designated as critical infrastructure in 2017. Such considerations align with the March 7, 2021 White House [Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting](#), which notes that, "Agencies shall consider ways to expand citizens' opportunities to register to vote and to obtain information about, and participate in, the electoral process."

We look forward to continuing the conversation and stand willing to serve as thought partners as implementation of programs such as the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program to expand high-speed internet access throughout the country continues.

We thank you again for your time and willingness to engage, as well as for the critical work that you and your staff are leading on behalf of the American public.

Sincerely,

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