

**Jonathan Spalter, President and CEO of USTelecom – The Broadband Association**

USTelecom President and CEO Jonathan Spalter said: “Pandemic or not, no child in America should have to sit in a fast-food parking lot to learn. Full stop. The digital divide and homework gap is real. Chairman Pallone’s plan is the type of bold initiative we need to bring public resources and administrative flexibility to ensure low-income students get connected immediately while we develop long-term solutions to universal connectivity so that lifelong learning doesn’t become another casualty of this terrible last year.