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WTA Applauds Full Funding of Rip and Replace

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 18, 2024) – The statement below can be attributed to Derrick Owens, Senior Vice President of Government and Industry Affairs, WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband:

“WTA is pleased that Congress has finally fully funded the Rip and Replace Program which will reimburse telecommunications carriers for removing and replacing equipment Congress deemed harmful to our national security. The security of our nation’s communications network is something our member companies take very seriously, and it’s important that Congress followed through on its commitment to providers.”

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