

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN**

Re: *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60

The bridge funding provided for in this Order will maintain much-needed support for qualifying Pilot Program participants during the 2012 funding year while we continue our work on the pending rural health care reform. Without it, sites that are integral to providing quality health care to rural America would have gone down.

As we expeditiously move forward, it is important that we focus on rural health care reform and ensure that all consumers, regardless of their location, have access to high quality broadband and the technological capabilities of an advanced and inclusive society. I look forward to working with the Chairman and my fellow Commissioners to complete this proceeding prior to the end of this year.