

February 2, 2017

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai,

As you begin your tenure as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), we urge your continued focus on ensuring access to mobile broadband services in rural America and closing the digital divide as a top priority for the Commission.

We appreciate your keen understanding of the benefits that mobile broadband brings to rural America, allowing “anyone, anywhere [to] innovate and succeed.” Reliable high-speed mobile broadband is critical to advancing telehealth services, precision agriculture, economic opportunities, education, public safety, and an ever growing list of new innovations and applications. It is necessary for our constituents, living in some of the most remote and rural areas, to participate in today’s digital economy.

We support your efforts to close the digital divide for low-income and rural Americans. Going forward, these efforts must include removing barriers to broadband deployment and promoting innovation, as well as adopting a Universal Service Fund (USF) Mobility Fund Phase II (MFII).

As you move forward with MFII, we ask that your efforts help to incent wireless carriers to preserve, upgrade, and expand mobile broadband in rural America, rather than degrade and reduce competition in areas that need it most. Competing in a capital-intensive environment, wireless carriers need long-term certainty of ongoing support to invest, deploy, maintain, and update their networks that provide vital mobile broadband services in rural areas. As the best example, certainty should come in the form of sufficient and predictable USF support in both the implementation of MFII and the transition away from legacy support mechanisms over the next several years.

Under your leadership, we urge the Commission to meet its statutory directive and ensure that the latest mobile broadband services are available across the nation, especially in rural America, and we thank you for your attention to this critically important issue.

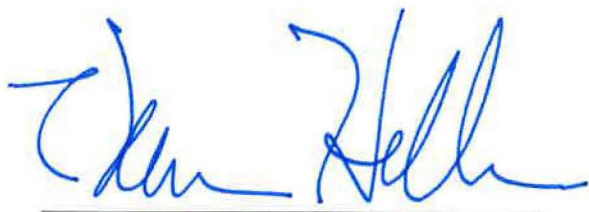
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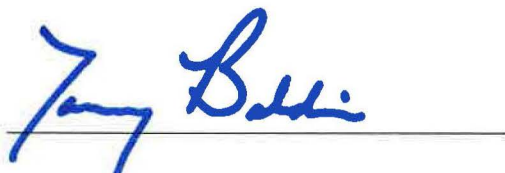
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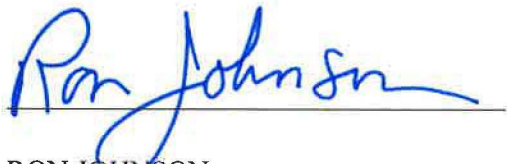
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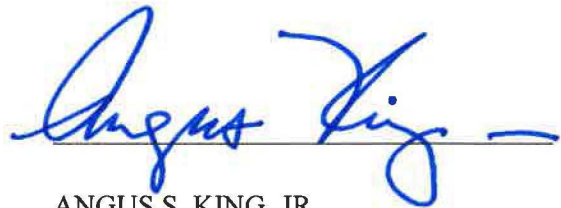
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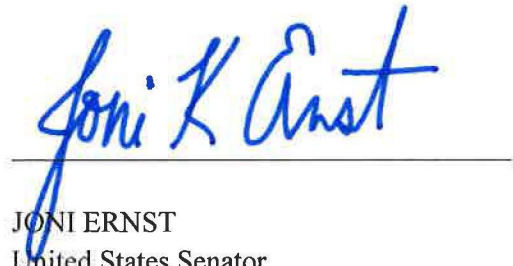
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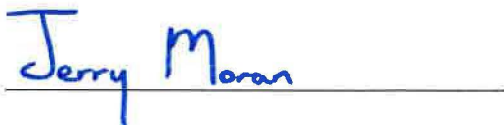
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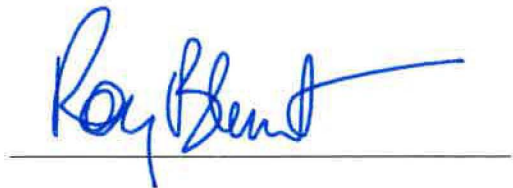
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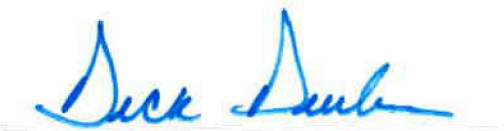
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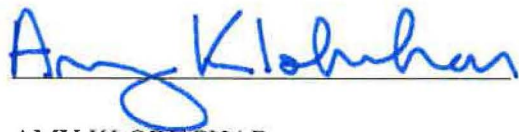
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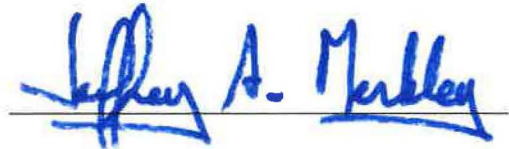
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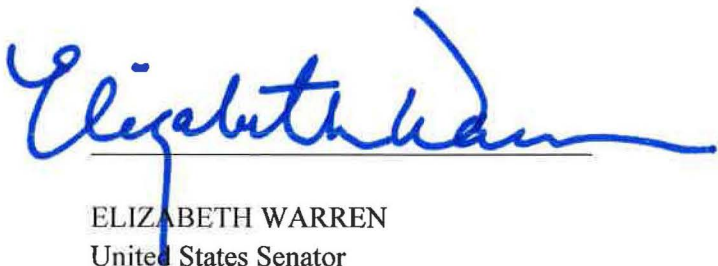
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
United States Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Baldwin:

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Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai

P.S. Senator, glad to see you've joined the Commerce Committee! I look forward to working with you. Do let me know if I can help on issues of interest to Wisconsin.



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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Michael Bennet
United States Senate
261 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

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The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
260 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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P.S. Senator, It's been a real pleasure working with you (and even Glen) over the years! Look forward to collaborating on FCC issues, and hopefully making it to Springfield / Grafton sometime.



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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Richard M. Burr
United States Senate
217 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Burr:

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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell:

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P.S. Senator, I've enjoyed working with you over the years, and am looking forward to doing so in the time to come! A recent trip to Seattle reminded me how important our policies are to innovation and investment in Washington.



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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Capito:

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P.S. Senator, thanks too for your support! I've enjoyed working with you and your staff and seeing for myself the communications challenges in places like Clay's 911 call center. And with your help, I'll overcome my fears and scale down the New River Gorge Bridge next time...



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The Honorable Bob Casey
United States Senate
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Thad Cochran
United States Senate
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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P.S. Senator, I've seen firsthand the communications needs in places like Carthage, Stockville, and Natchez. I look forward to working with you on these issues in the time to come.



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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senate
B40A Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Joni Ernst
United States Senate
111 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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P.S. Senator, the importance of this issue was brought home to me when I drove from Wichita to Des Moines and often lost coverage. I look forward to meeting you and working with you on this and other issues of importance to Iowans.



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The Honorable Deb Fischer
United States Senate
454 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Al Franken
United States Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Heidi Heitkamp
United States Senate
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Heitkamp:

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Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai

P.S. Senator, I look forward to working with you! And I hope your brother Joel is well and enjoying KFGO.



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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Dean Heller
United States Senate
324 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Heller:

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P.S. Senator, I'm looking forward to working with you on broadband, process reform, and other issues. Please don't hesitate to be in touch!



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February 21, 2017

The Honorable John Hoeven
United States Senate
338 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Thom Tillis
United States Senate
185 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
United States Senate
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Warren:

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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Wyden:

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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Todd Young
United States Senate
B33 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Roger Wicker
United States Senate
555 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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P.S. Senator, thanks for taking the time to share your views on this issue. I look forward to working with you on this and many other FCC-related issues in the time to come!



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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Pat Roberts
United States Senate
109 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Gary Peters
United States Senate
724 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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P.S. Senator, I'm looking forward to continuing to work with you! Let me know if you need any assistance on FCC-related issues of interest to Michiganders.



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The Honorable Jerry Moran
United States Senate
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Joe Manchin
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

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The Honorable Angus King
United States Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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P.S. Senator, I look forward to working with you on all manner of FCC-related issues, especially rural broadband. And I hope that someday soon we can collaborate with our mutual friend and New England savior, Yellow!



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February 21, 2017

The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senate
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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