

October 14, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair, Senate Committee on
Commerce, Science and Transportation
Russell Senate Office Building 254
Washington, DC 20002

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Ranking Member on
Commerce, Science and Transportation
Dirksen Senate Office Building 512
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chair Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker:

We represent a wide cross section of businesses, consumer advocates, civil rights organizations, education sector, state and local elected officials, and community groups urging you to bring to the floor the confirmation vote of Gigi Sohn for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) before Congress adjourns. Her nomination is supported by a vast array of public interest and civil society organizations, broadband providers, wireless carriers, technology companies, public safety, rural and Tribal entities seeking to bring broadband to these communities, as well as government leaders from both Democratic and Republican administrations. The FCC needs a full commission as it begins to deliberate on upcoming critical decisions that will have profound impacts on the economy and the American people.

Over Ms. Sohn's 30 years of experience in telecommunications, broadband and technology policy, she has shown a strong commitment to the First Amendment, and proven to be a leader in promoting innovation, US jobs and a strong economy. She has regularly worked with organizations representing diverse media interests and across the aisle to ensure all voices and views are heard both as a consumer advocate and as a government official. Her consistent and long held support of diversity in viewpoints in media will serve all voices well and is why she is supported by both conservatives and progressives.

Ms. Sohn has also worked extensively during her career to expand broadband access to those who can't afford it. Her work with industry and members of Congress in developing programs which support low-income Americans including those in rural and tribal lands, is an example of her commitment to work with all sides to arrive at commonsense solutions. With the FCC having been tasked by Congress to ensure all Americans gain access to open, affordable, 21st century ready broadband service under the bipartisan infrastructure law, the agency will benefit from Ms. Sohn's involvement as it works to expand work and business opportunities to Americans in unserved and underserved areas.

We call on the Senate to give the consideration that is due to this highly qualified individual, who has dedicated her career to ensuring consumers have access to communications services available to everybody, regardless of income, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, geography, or political viewpoint. Her life's work is the embodiment of the FCC's mission, and we simply cannot have a less-than fully functioning FCC to persist any longer.

Sincerely,

18 Million Rising
2050 Hawaii, Inc.
5G Free RI
Access Humboldt
Accountable Tech
ADT
Advocacy Initiative for Development (AID)
Ala Kuola
Alliance for Community Media
Aloha Independent Living Hawaii
American Association for Public Broadband
American Economic Liberties Project
American Federation of Teachers
American Library Association
American Society on Aging
Appalshop Community Media Initiative
Arlington Community Media Inc.
Arlington Independent Media
Ashbury Senior Computer Community Center (ASC3)
Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC
Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation
Belmont Media Center
Benton Institute for Broadband & Society
Berwick Community Media
Boulder Thinking, LLC
Buckeye Hills Regional Council
buildJUSTLY
California Brain Tumor Association

California Center for Rural Policy
California Clean Money Campaign
California Community Foundation Digital Equity Initiative
Cambodian American Community Council of Washington
Capital Community Media
CARDBoard Project
CCTV Center for Media + Democracy, Burlington Vermont
Center for Accessible Technology
Center for American Progress
Center for Democracy & Technology
Center for Rural Strategies
Chairman Daniel Linville - West Virginia House of Delegates - Committee on Technology and Infrastructure
Chamber of Progress
Citizens Fiber Initiative Group
City of Seattle Department of Information Technology
Civic Education Council
Civic Shout
Clear Light Ventures
Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii
Code in the Schools
Color Of Change
Common Cause
Common Sense
Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc.
Communications Workers of America (CWA)

Community Media Center Of Marin
Community Tech Network
CompTIA
Computer Reach
Connect Your Community Institute
Consumer Technology Association (CTA)
Consumers for Safe Cell Phones
Davis Media Access
Demand Progress
Derry Community Access Media
Detroit Community Technology Project
Digital Connect Initiative
Digital Equity Institute
Digital Equity Learning Network of King County
Digital Equity Research Center
Digitunity
DISH
Duluth Public Access Community Television
Economic Security Project Action
EducationSuperHighway
Electronic Frontier Foundation
EMF Safety Network
Engine
Environmental Working Group
EveryoneOn
Falmouth Community Television Corp, Inc.
Families Advocating for Chemical and Toxics Safety
Fight for the Future
Former Georgia State Senator Judson Hill
Framingham Public Access Corporation
Free Press Action
Friends of Makakilo
Friends Of Waimānalo
Fuse.Cloud

Future of Music Coalition
Georgette Stevens, President, Wai'anae Protestant Church
GLAAD
Golden Frog, GmbH
Granite Telecommunications, LLC
Greater Northshire Access Television, Inc.
Greenfield Community Television
Greenpeace USA
GWI
Hadley Media - Town of Hadley
Harrison Edwards, Inc.
Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice
Hawai'i Pono'i Coalition
Hawai'i Women in Filmmaking
Hawaii Broadband and Digital Equity Office
Hawaii International Film Festival
Hispanic Federation
Human Rights Campaign
Hustle
INCOMPAS
Indivisible Sacramento
Institute for Local Self-Reliance
Internet Infrastructure Coalition (i2Coalition)
Jack Straw Cultural Center
JAG - Jersey Access Group
Japanese American Citizens League
Kipahulu Ohana, Inc.
KOKO LP - 96.3 FM Hana Maui
Lake Champlain Access Television
Last Tree Laws
Latinx Digital Leaders Now
LGBTQ Victory Institute
Literacy Assistance Center
Literacy Source
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

Local TV, Inc. (LTV)
Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)
LULAC Illinois Education Council 5238
Maine Community Media Association
Massachusetts Community Media, Inc.
Medfield TV
Media Alliance
Media, Inequality & Change Center
MediaJustice
MetroEast Community Media
Mobile Citizen
mohuman
Motor House
Movement Labs
MoveOn
Muslim Advocates
Nantucket Community Television, Inc.
National Association of Housing Cooperatives
National Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors (NATOA)
National Association of the Deaf (NAD)
National Collaborative for Digital Equity
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
National Digital Equity Center
National Digital Inclusion Alliance
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
National Treasury Employees Union
National Urban League
Native Public Media
New America's Open Technology Institute
New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media
North Shore TV
Northwest Access TV
Norway Paris Community TV

NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association
NTEN
OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates
OD Action
Office for Community Technology, City of Portland, Oregon
'Olelo Community Media
Omaha Community Broadcasting
Open MIC (Open Media and Information Companies Initiative)
Open Works
OpenMedia
Orion Neighborhood Television
Other98
Our Revolution
Outpost Publishers Cooperative
Pacific American Foundation
Partners Bridging the Digital Divide
PCs for People
Peabody TV
People's Parity Project
PhillyCAM
Progress America
Progressive Change Campaign Committee
Public Health Innovators, LLC
Public Knowledge
Rebuild Johnston Square Neighborhood Organization, Inc.
Revolving Door Project
Right Here, Right Now Project
ROANEnet
Robert W. Deutsch Foundation
RootsAction.org
Rural America Strategies, LLC
Rural Wireless Association, Inc.
Saco River Community Media

Sacramento Community Cable Foundation
Schools, Health & Libraries (SHLB) Broadband Coalition
Senator Robert Plymale - West Virginia Senate - West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council
Smith Bagley Inc.
Sonic Telecom
Soulee LKO Stroud
South Central Alabama Broadband Cooperative District
Southern Rural Black Women's Initiative for Economic and Social Justice
Southwest Pennsylvania for Safe Technology
SPEAK MPLS
Springfield Area Public Access Television
Starry Group Holdings, Inc. (Starry Internet)
Stemnastics LLC
Surveillance Technology Oversight Project (S.T.O.P.)
SVP Community Media, BRIC Arts Media, Brooklyn, NY
Tahoe Truckee Media
TakeItBack.Org
Tech Goes Home
Technology Learning Collaborative
Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI)
Texas Networking, Inc.
The Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA)
The Freedom BLOC
The Greenlining Institute
The Juggernaut Project

The Kansas City Public Library
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
The Oasis Institute
The OMNI Centre for Public Media, Inc.
The Open Markets Institute
The Tech Oversight Project
The Utility Reform Network (TURN)
Tilson
Town of Ridgefield Economic & Community Development Commission
Truconnect Communications, Inc.
UnidosUS
UNITE-LA
United Church of Christ Media Justice Ministry
Uniti Group
US Ignite
Valley Vision
Vermont Access Network
Voqal
WACA TV
Waikiki Hawaiian Civic Club
Wallingford Public Access Association, Inc. d/b/a WPAA-TV
Wastewater Alternatives and Innovations
West Hartford Community Interactive
Wide Angle Youth Media
Winchester Community Access & Media, Inc.
Wired Broadband, Inc.
Writers Guild of America West (WGAW)
X-Lab
Zayo Group, LLC