

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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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