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July 15, 2010

The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
U.S. House of Representatives
1123 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Kirkpatrick:

Thank you for your letter regarding Mr. Carroll Onsaе's interest in serving on the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force. I appreciate your interest in this important matter and have asked the Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau to reply to your letter. His response is attached.

If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski



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Dear Congresswoman Kirkpatrick:

Thank you for your letter supporting the application of Carroll Onsaе to serve on the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force. Chairman Julius Genachowski has asked me to respond to your inquiry on his behalf.

We appreciate your strong interest in the Commission's efforts to address the needs of American Indian and other Native communities. The Task Force, which emanates from the National Broadband Plan, will provide important assistance to the Commission in fulfilling its commitment to increasing broadband deployment and adoption on Tribal lands. We recognize the issues that led the Hopi Tribe to form Hopi Telecom, and it is our sincere hope that the Task Force will provide a useful vehicle for assisting the Hopi Tribe as well as other Native communities.

We will carefully review all applications for the Task Force and undertake our best efforts to establish a body that can represent Indian Country fully and effectively. Needless to say, we will give close consideration to Carroll Onsaе's application as well as your recommendation on his behalf.

I look forward to working with you and other Congressional leaders to improve the breadth and quality of communications services available to all Native communities. Please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions at (202) 418-3629.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey C. Blackwell".

Geoffrey C. Blackwell
Director, Native Affairs
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau