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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I write regarding Mr. Carroll Onsaes's application to serve on the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force. Mr. Onsaes is currently President and General Manager of Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. (HTI) which provides telephone and internet services to residents on the Hopi Indian Reservation.

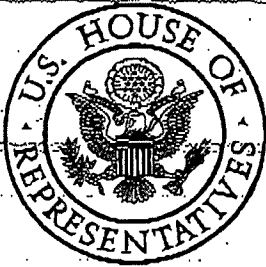
Located in Northern Arizona, the Hopi Tribe has struggled for years to bring telecommunications infrastructure to tribal lands. Prior to HTI's establishment, residents on the Hopi Indian Reservation relied on private network providers. Telephone customers frequently experienced service outages, cross-talk and fast-busy signals. The limited network also meant many residents lived without basic phone service and internet access was extremely limited.

HTI was established by the Hopi Tribal Council in 2004 to meet the specific needs of households, businesses and government entities operating on the Hopi Indian lands. As President and General Manager, Mr. Onsaes has overseen operations to bring telecommunications services—including broadband internet—to residents on Hopi tribal lands. Expanding the telecommunications infrastructure on the Hopi Indian lands has required Mr. Onsaes to confront challenges unique to network build-out on tribal lands including collaboration with other tribal entities, working with the BIA on right-of-way and environmental assessment issues and building productive relationships with independent villages. Mr. Onsaes would provide a unique and knowledgeable perspective to the Task Force.

I ask that you grant his application all due consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Kirkpatrick
Member of Congress



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