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Ajit Pai Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Ajit:

I write to express my strong recommendation for Brent J. Christensen's candidacy to the Federal Communications Commission's newly established Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee.

As a longtime resident of Minnesota, Brent has done tremendous work throughout the state in terms of establishing broadband connectivity for rural Minnesotans. Brent has successfully led his family's company, Christensen Communications Company, and represented the state's telecommunications industry on the Governor's appointed Broadband Taskforce. He has also been heavily involved in telecom policy, testifying before state and federal bodies and chairing committees for national trade associations.

I feel Brent's experience in providing high quality Broadband for Minnesotans who are truly in need would be an asset to the Committee, meanwhile he brings a wealth of industry and policy knowledge. The Committee would truly progress from Brent's involvement.

I ask that you give Mr. Brent J. Christensen your full and fair consideration for appointment to the FCC's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee: Should you have any questions, please contact my Legislative Assistant, Andrew Giacini, at (202) 225-2271.

Sincerely,

Jason Lewis

Member of Congress