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**Congress of the United States**  
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February 13, 2017

The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission, under your leadership, is forming a new Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. While you begin the process of selecting qualified Americans and telecommunications officials to serve on this committee, I would like to encourage you to strongly consider Mr. Charlie Cano for a formal role. I believe that Mr. Cano's exceptional career as the General Manager and CEO of the Etex Telephone Cooperative would make him a valuable addition to this committee.

As you know, access to broadband is increasingly critical for millions of Americans, particularly rural Americans. Broadband services are not only an essential gateway to information, but are also directly related to economic development, healthcare, and education. Without access to these broadband—and these critical services—rural America will continue to be left behind and millions of Americans, including thousands of men and women in my Congressional district, will not see the benefit of the better jobs and wages that come from such critical communication infrastructure developments. Given the absolutely critical role that Broadband services will play in places like East Texas, it is of the utmost importance that you appoint the best people to this committee, and I can think of no better person to serve than Mr. Cano.

With over fourteen years of experience at the Etex Telephone Cooperative, Mr. Cano has worked closely on a variety of telecommunications issues and developed innovative strategies to improve access to telecommunications for rural Americans in East Texas. As General Manager of the Cooperative—a position he has served in for the past four years—Mr. Cano has been directly responsible for ensuring that thousands of individuals receive high speed internet, IPTV, and transport services across multiple platforms and copper and fiber infrastructure. Prior to that, he served the Cooperative as the Senior Engineering Manager, where he was responsible for construction, data, and video functions, and was required to develop business plans for FTTH CLEC projects and for full end IPTV services. As you can see, Mr. Cano is a uniquely qualified

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individual and his appointment would bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee.

Again, as you consider the requests of many talented men and women to become a part of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee, I sincerely hope that you will consider Mr. Cano's experience and dedicated service to rural America when making your selections. Mr. Cano has my strongest support, and I believe he is absolutely one of the best people to serve on this Committee. If you have any questions regarding Mr. Cano's application or his credentials, please do not hesitate to contact me. I appreciate your consideration, and I look forward to working with you in your new role as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

Sincerely,



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Louie Gohmert  
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