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OFFICE OF  
THE CHAIRMAN

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Mr. Lee Seydel, Chief Technology Officer of Fiberutilities Group, LLC to serve on the Commission's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC). We will certainly consider your recommendation and Mr. Seydel's impressive resume as the Commission reviews the nominations for the BDAC.

Last September, I proposed what I called a Digital Empowerment Agenda—a blueprint of policies that would accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access, or broadband, in communities across the country, including rural America. The BDAC is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders to exchange ideas and develop recommendations to the Commission on broadband deployment. Its mission will be to identify regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment and to make recommendations on reducing and/or removing them, which will in turn enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to encourage broadband deployment to all Americans.

I appreciate your taking the time to communicate your recommendations to me. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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*P.S. Mr. Chairman, I've enjoyed working with you and your staff (especially Rita) over the years! Thanks for weighing in on this - having recently seen her myself the promise and challenges of broadband in Iowa, I'm committed to working with you to make a positive difference.*