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Ajit Pai, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai,

I write today to offer my unequivocal support of the application submitted by Betsy E. Huber, President of the National Grange, to serve as a member of the Commission's newly-created Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. Betsy is a resident of Chester County, Pennsylvania where I worked with her on an array of issues related to agriculture and rural communities during my tenure as both a supervisor in East Vincent Township and a Chester County commissioner.

As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I am extremely interested in working with all stakeholders in expanding access to high-speed Internet service to all communities to provide farmers, small business owners and others a critical tool for competing in the global marketplace. Given her several decades of experience in local government and her outstanding leadership with a variety of agriculture-related organizations, including her current post as President of the National Grange, Betsy would seem to be uniquely qualified to understand how to effectively and efficiently increase broadband accessibility and affordability in rural communities. She has demonstrated an exemplary leadership and a tremendous ability to collaborate with diverse constituencies at the local, state and national levels.

Because of Betsy's tireless work ethic and wealth of problem-solving experience related to issues affecting rural communities, I wholeheartedly support her application to serve on the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. Please feel free to have anyone involved in the committee selection process contact me or my District Director Kori Walter at (610)696-2982 if I can provide additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Ryan Costello
Member of Congress