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Ajit V. Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Dear Chairman Pai:

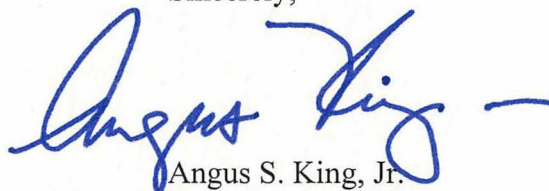
I am writing in support of the application of Marie R. Sylla-Dixon, Vice President of Federal Government and External Affairs for T-Mobile USA, to serve on the Federal Communication Commission's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment.

Marie has been tireless in advancing the values of diversity, inclusion, and digital empowerment, and initiatives to make advanced wireless technologies accessible to all Americans. She has been a strong advocate in our ongoing efforts to connect unserved communities and has advanced policies that will help narrow the digital divide. Marie was instrumental in the telecom industry's partnership with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support the ConnectHome Program, connecting unserved families with school-age children living in HUD-assisted housing to the Internet. She has advised on Senate diversity initiatives and promoted diverse hiring practices in both the public and private sectors.

Marie's proven commitment to diversity, inclusion and digital empowerment, and experience in promoting these core values across the industry will be an important asset to the Committee and I support her application. I urge the Commission's careful consideration, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that you please notify Adam Lachman in my office at (202) 224-5344 if you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward to working with you and the FCC Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment and the Commission in its efforts to expand opportunities made possible by next-generation networks in communities across the country.

Sincerely,



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