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Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Universal Service Administration Company (USAC) administers the guidance and policy of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ensuring broadband connectivity reaches millions of Americans. By connecting those in need with available resources and expanding their capabilities, USAC continues to make a difference. The funds they administer are critical to closing the digital divide bringing work, education, healing, and communication to rural communities.

That is why I recommend Mrs. Julia B. Legg, West Virginia's E-rate Coordinator, to the Board of Directors of the USAC. Ms. Legg has worked diligently to ensure our state has its share of available resources so that our state may bridge the digital divide. Furthermore, she has managed to appropriately allocate funds to maximize efficiency in regions most in need. Her voice will represent not just West Virginians living in rural communities, but that of all Americans. As a member of the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council's Education Committee, her experience has been critical to extending broadband access into underserved and unserved areas of West Virginia.

West Virginia had fallen behind in terms of broadband, but with individuals such as Ms. Legg, we are working towards a stronger, better-connected state. She has been an invaluable resource to our state and I ask that you give her application consideration to be a member of the Board of Directors of the USAC.

Sincerely,

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