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The Honorable Ajit Pai, Michael O'Reilly, Brendan Carr, Jessica Rosenworcel  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioners,

I write to recommend Geoff Feiss to sit on the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC).

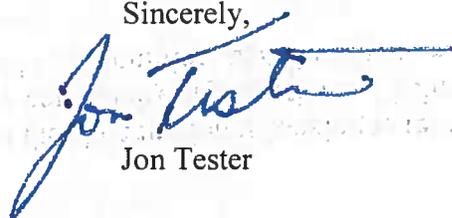
I applaud the FCC for re-chartering the BDAC because I strongly support the advisory committee's mission of accelerating the deployment of high-speed Internet access. Keeping our communities connected is essential to creating jobs, keeping folks safe, and competing in a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy.

It is my understanding that the Commission is looking to recruit individuals from a variety of industry, regulators, and community organizations. I believe it is critical that rural America gets a seat at the table and I am confident that Geoff will be able to provide meaningful contributions in this area.

Geoff is the General Manager of the Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA). At MTA, Geoff provides consultation and advocacy to independent rural telecommunication service providers that serve the hardest to reach areas of Montana. Very few people understand the challenges of rural broadband infrastructure and access better than Geoff does. His expertise and commitment to increasing broadband service in rural communities make him the ideal candidate.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this nomination further and it is without hesitation that I recommend Geoff Feiss to join the FCC's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester