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The Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
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Dear Commissioners:

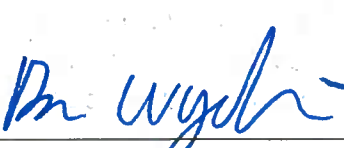
We are writing in support of Don Patten to be an appointed member to the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

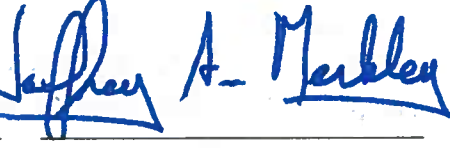
Don has demonstrated more than 25 years of experience in the technology and telecommunications industry through his work with MINET, the local telecommunication network powered by the residents of Monmouth, Oregon. His role at MINET was unique in nature, correlating directly with rural internet service, independent network builders, and governmental agencies. He is well-versed in the fiber environment and has proved competence in areas of oversight, customer service, and financial and daily operations.

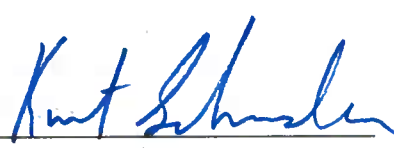
Don is not only a resource to the Oregon congressional delegation on telecommunications policies, but he is also a champion for the broadband internet industry in Oregon. He has committed his time and effort to providing more broadband buildout to rural constituencies and found the means and financial support to ultimately accommodate these smaller and lower income communities. It was Don's commitment to his peers and his willingness to go the extra mile that created the partnerships that have proved so integral in providing more broadband internet for communities in need.

We fully believe Don Patten would be a great addition to the new Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. His qualifications and extensive experience are well-suited to the operations of your committee and we are confident he would be a valuable asset for your organization.

Sincerely,


Ron Wyden
United States Senator


Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator


Kurt Schrader
Member of Congress