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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Pai,

It has come to my attention that Peter Brent, Operations Manager and IT Director at New Vision Farms in Napoleon, Ohio, has been nominated to serve on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Task Force for Reviewing Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States. As the author of the legislation that created this vital Task Force, I am writing to express my support for his nomination.

If granted a position on the Task Force, Mr. Brent would bring to the discussion his extensive background and expertise in utilizing advance technologies for modern agriculture production. The nominee has real-world experience with precision agriculture equipment in rural America and understands the need for enhanced Internet connectivity on farmlands. He knows better than most the important role broadband Internet access service plays in increasing crop yields, reducing runoff, cutting production costs.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Brent during a tour of New Vision Farms and I am confident in his ability to represent agricultural producers on the Task Force. I believe his experience in the farming industry will offer a unique perspective in addressing the digital divide and will help to successfully achieve the mission of the Task Force.

Thank you for considering Mr. Brent's nomination.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Latta
Member of Congress