

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

As you begin to review nominations for membership to the Federal Communication Commission's Task Force for reviewing Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States, I ask that you please give full consideration to Rob McDonald, Operations Manager for Madison Telephone (MT) Networks in Madison, KS.

Serving as the Operations Manager since 2012, Rob has extensive experience with broadband deployment projects in rural communities in Kansas. In his current role, Rob handles day to day operations, technical issues, and project planning for the company. Over the course of Rob's tenure at MT Networks, he has played a vital role in the evolution of the company's offerings – from dial-up internet landline telephone service to high-speed broadband over fiber.

Additionally, Rob serves on the board of directors for the Kansas Fiber Network (KFN), a state wide fiber network owned by the independent telephone companies of Kansas, and is also the rural telecommunications representative for the 911 Coordinating Council of Kansas in Topeka. Membership in these organizations illustrate not only Rob's experience, but also his dedication to ensuring rural Kansas receives this necessary technology.

These qualifications and his record of service are further exemplified by the endorsements Rob has received, which include the State Independent Telecom Association of Kansas, Kansas Rural Independent Telecommunications Coalition, NTCA –The Rural Broadband Association, Kansas Cattleman Association, K-State Ag and Extension in Emporia, KS, and the K-State Ag and Extension Greenwood County in Eureka, KS.

Thank you for your consideration of Rob McDonald's application. I would appreciate any updates regarding his nomination as they become available.

Warmest regards,



Pat Roberts
United States Senator