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

Dear Commissioners:

I write to recommend Sreekala Bajwa to sit on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Task Force for Reviewing Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States.

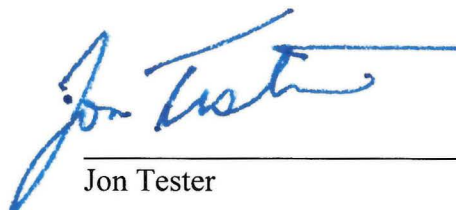
I applaud the FCC for quickly implementing the 2018 Farm Bill and working to expand access to rural high-speed internet so that folks can make use of the latest technology on their farms and ranches. Precision agriculture is the forefront of farm innovation, and making investments in this technology is vital to the future of the agricultural industry.

It is my understanding that the Commission is looking to recruit individuals from a variety of backgrounds. I encourage you to consider the university extension perspective. Institutions like Montana State University (MSU) have the technical capacity to implement the FCC's recommendations and strategy, making their input invaluable.

Sreekala is a renowned precision farming engineer, and current Vice President of Agriculture at MSU. She was previously the Chair of North Dakota State University's Department of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering. At MSU, Sreekala is prioritizing research on the intersection of technology and engineering to improve smart agriculture. She understands the potential that data-driven farm management holds in increasing the resilience of agricultural food systems. Her expertise and insight into precision agriculture makes her an ideal candidate.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this nomination further. It is without hesitation that I recommend Sreekala Bajwa to join the FCC's Precision Ag Connectivity Task Force. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester