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Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
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Dear Chairman Pai:

It is my honor to nominate Troy Smith, COO of Moundridge Telephone Company, to the Federal Communication Commission's Task Force for Reviewing Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States.

I believe his experience and expertise in the broadband industry will benefit the task force as it works to identify and implement policy recommendations that will promote the rapid, expanded deployment of broadband internet on unserved agriculture land.

Kansas is home to more than 58,000 farms covering nearly 46 million acres of land. The state's farmers and ranchers are productive and cutting-edge, using data and technology to improve their crops, livestock and bottom line. Broadband providers across Kansas have been successful in responding to demands for increased broadband deployment and high-speed internet access to previously unserved areas of the state.

The FCC's new task force will focus on exactly the same issues, challenges and opportunities Kansas broadband providers have long worked to resolve. I believe Mr. Smith has the industry expertise and knowledge to be an effective and impactful member of the task force.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Roger Marshall

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Member of Congress