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

Dear Chairman Pai:

I am writing to express my support for the application of Blake Hurst of Tarkio, Missouri to serve on the Precision Ag Connectivity Task Force.

Blake would bring valuable input and experience to this critical task force. As the President of the Missouri Farm Bureau, Blake has shown tremendous leadership and passion for rural interests. As a family farmer, Blake has used precision agriculture, collecting the necessary data to make important decisions about his farm, while also participating in data sales from his farm. While he has seen the benefits that precision agriculture has provided in sustainability and profitability, he has also seen where the weakness of rural broadband infrastructure is limiting the usefulness of precision ag. Building this infrastructure has been a priority of Blake's while at the Missouri Farm Bureau, which has advocated for increased investment in rural broadband, increasing the connectivity of rural Missouri and the value of the data collected in precision agriculture.

I believe that Blake Hurst is well qualified for this position and I request your full and fair consideration of his application. In addition, I would ask that you keep my office informed of the progress of your determination process and notify me when a decision regarding his application is made.

If you have any questions, please contact Josh Hurlbert in my Kansas City district office at (816) 792-3976 or [Josh.Hurlbert@mail.house.gov](mailto:Josh.Hurlbert@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



Sam Graves  
Member of Congress