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The Honorable Ajit Pai Chairman Federal Communication Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

We write to express support for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to review and issue a notice of proposed rulemaking on the use of TV White Spaces.

As members representing a rural state that lacks adequate access to broadband internet service in many areas, we are committed to working towards affordable and reliable solutions. Due to the propagation characteristics of the low band frequencies in which they reside, TV White Spaces can play a vital role in providing broadband services to these rural and underserved areas.

We request that the FCC give consideration to how TV White Spaces technology can be used to advance rural broadband by developing rules TV White Space operations on movable platforms such as tractors and school buses. Broadband is critical to economic opportunity, job creation, and education. We believe that the Commission should utilize all tools and technologies available to boost operations in rural areas while preventing harmful interference to broadcast networks and other protected users.

The Commission has taken great strides to bridge the digital divide. We appreciate those efforts and urge you to continue to consider changes that could increase deployment. We look forward to working with you to improve access to rural broadband in West Virginia and across the country. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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