

July 8, 2021

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel,

We write to express our strong support for the nomination of Mr. Garrett Hawkins to the Federal Communications Commission's Precision Agriculture Connectivity Task Force.

Missouri has long been a driving force in our nation's agricultural industry, leading the way in the production of numerous commodities including corn, soybeans, and livestock. Missouri's farmers and agricultural experts understand the unique needs of the modern agriculture industry, including the ways that technology can support further innovation and efficiency in this key sector. This innovation, however, will not be possible until farms across Missouri and the U.S. can access the modern broadband connection they need for today's precision agriculture needs.

As the very first Farm Bureau to be established in the United States, the Missouri Farm Bureau has always been at the forefront of U.S. agricultural innovation. Mr. Hawkins serves as the 15th president of this organization, which provides a voice to the evolving needs of its 134,000 member families across the state. His experience spans multiple aspects of the agricultural sector and includes livestock, row crop, and dairy production; agricultural chemical distribution; and policy development at the federal and state levels. We believe that Mr. Hawkins can bring a valuable perspective to the Task Force as it works to identify gaps and opportunities in connecting our nation's farmers and ranchers.

We respectfully request that you consider the unique qualifications that Mr. Hawkins can bring to this Task Force. Additionally, we ask that you keep our offices informed as the FCC re-charter this Task Force and selects the members who will advise on these pressing issues.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator



Josh Hawley
United States Senator