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

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel,

Thank you for commitment to accelerating broadband deployment to underserved agriculture land through re-charting the Precision Agriculture Connectivity Task Force. Precision agriculture plays an important role in our nation's commitment towards the continued growth of efficient and sustainable agriculture production.

As you consider candidates for this task force, I strongly recommend Mr. Garrett Hawkins. For more than 15 years, Mr. Hawkins has been actively engaged in the agriculture industry through his work on the family farm, in agribusiness, state government, and the Missouri Farm Bureau. While serving as the deputy director at the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Mr. Hawkins helped develop the department's strategic plan, including the "Connect MORE" movement to address the lack of rural broadband. In his current position as the President of Missouri Farm Bureau, he has further progressed the organizations advocacy in the improvement of broadband, such as supporting the Missouri Broadband Grant Program.

As a third-generation livestock and row crop farmer with his wife and their three children, access to broadband and the use of precision agriculture to ensure producers remain globally competitive is something Mr. Hawkins understands on a personal level. He continues to utilize this firsthand experience to help direct policy decisions through his involvement with the American Farm Bureau Federation's Farm Bill Working Group.

I would be remiss if I did not personally bring forth the case for Mr. Hawkins' to be strongly considered for membership of this task force. He has the tools necessary to serve as an invaluable leader in working on potential solutions for the future of a project that deeply impacts so many American farmers. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vicky Hartzler