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The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel Chairwoman Federal Communications Commission 45 L Street NE Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel,

I write today to respectfully ask that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) protect satellite broadband users in the 12 GHz band. Thousands of my constituents rely on new, advanced satellite systems for high-speed, low-latency connectivity. I urge the FCC to withhold from any action that could compromise satellite broadband services to the residents of Minnesota's 8th Congressional District and millions more across the country.

In Congress, I serve on the Small Business Committee, where I advocate the importance of reliable and affordable high-speed internet access to economic growth, educational opportunity, and community development. Next-generation satellite systems are helping connect many areas where it is too expensive or technically unfeasible to construct terrestrial broadband infrastructure. This capability, which has only recently come online, has a real impact on regions with large rural populations, as in Northeast Minnesota.

Accordingly, as the FCC reviews potential rulemakings, I respectfully request that you protect this spectrum from interference. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to protecting and expanding broadband access across Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Pete Stauber

Member of Congress