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Commissioner Brendan Carr  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St SW  
Washington DC 20554-0005

Dear Commissioner Carr:

I am writing to offer my encouragement and my thanks for your efforts to expand broadband access by streamlining the approval process for the small cells essential to 5G.

As Chairman of Virginia's Broadband Advisory Council, I am keenly aware of the necessity to expand broadband access to currently underserved regions. I can also attest to the many obstacles to progress encountered by those promoting expansion. Your determination to come forward with a plan – modeled on the regulatory reforms enacted in 20 states, including Virginia – increasing access to 5G connectivity will positively affect the lives of people across our nation.

The components of your plan anticipate the obstacles to expansion, and you have addressed them with a sound and reasoned approach. Moreover, you have placed the needs of citizens first, ensuring that no American need be left behind as broadband moves from a luxury to a necessity.

I am very hopeful that the Commission will approve your plan at its September 26 meeting. A decision that would facilitate the expansion of 5G will provide an essential service to communities throughout our nation, ensuring a prosperous, productive, and connected America.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Byron".

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