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Commissioner Brendan Carr
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79; Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure by Improving Wireless Siting Policies, WT Docket No. 16-421

Dear Commissioner Carr:

I write to you as an individual County Commissioners in Stillwater County, Montana, to commend the Commission on its actions to streamline the regulations governing wireless broadband deployment. The Commission should continue its efforts to eliminate barriers to deployment, because doing so will deliver economic and social benefits to our county and across rural America.

Stillwater County, which is located in South Central Montana, has fewer than 10,000 residents and a population density of only five people per square mile. More expansive broadband connectivity is critical to our area. Next-generation services can transform the agriculture and mining industries which drive the economic base of our county by allowing smarter monitoring of crops and livestock and by supporting mining technologies. Advanced wireless services will also provide greater educational and job opportunities, making Stillwater County a place where our children want to stay and raise families. Furthermore, Stillwater County is frequented by many visitors and serves as a gateway to Yellowstone National Park. Ensuring reliable broadband connectivity for travelers is important to them and will promote public safety.

No one understands the difficulty of deployment in rural areas more than I do, particularly in places like my county which is marked by mountainous terrain. However, the Commission's actions to lower regulatory barriers can enable more capital spending to flow to areas like ours. Reducing fees and shortening review times in urban areas, thereby lowering the cost of deployment in such areas, can promote speedier deployment across all of America.

Stillwater County is excited for the opportunities advanced broadband services will bring to our residents, businesses and visitors. I urge the Commission to continue its efforts to reduce regulatory barriers that will promote those opportunities, and we look forward to working with you to ensure broadband connectivity in our county and across rural areas.

Respectfully submitted,

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