



## COUNTY OF LINCOLN

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The Honorable Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 13-5, Technology Transitions; GN Docket No. 12-353, AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition; WC Docket No. 05-25, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers.

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am the Information Technology Director for Lincoln County, Oregon; a rural county on the Oregon coast.

We have chosen a competitive carrier for our voice and data services. They provide the individualized services and customer support we need. The connection they supply is our link to the rest of the world and is critical to our operations.

We commend the FCC's efforts to provide customers with more choices for broadband service. As technology transitions and more services move to IP based solutions, we encourage you to protect the wholesale access market. This will ensure that our ability to choose a competitive provider, based on factors including customer service and price, will remain intact.

By keeping the marketplace open for more competition, the FCC will help ensure that government entities like ours have the power to choose the broadband provider that is the best fit for our needs and growth.

Sincerely,

John Waffenschmidt  
Information Technology Director, Lincoln County, Oregon

cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel  
Commissioner Ajit Pai  
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly  
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