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Grand Island Independent

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By Danette Zarek, Nance County Clerk

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Nance County knows the benefits of Universal Service. Since 2008, the federal funds were used to build cell sites in Fullerton and Genoa. The sites have since been equipped with mobile broadband.

But under this proposal, rural Nebraska would lose out on up to \$128 million for new mobile broadband sites and infrastructure over the next 10 years. We cannot allow this proposal to leave us with yesterday's technology.

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Published Oct. 8, 2011
North Platte Telegraph

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Pauletta Gerver
Red Willow County Clerk

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McCook Daily Gazette

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Martha Millhaem
3202 redwing Drive
Bellevue, NE 68123-2157

October 18, 2011

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

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Patrick Gerdes
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Holdrege, NE 68949-3381

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Jeanne Wegner
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Fullerton, NE 68638-3169

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308-536-2595

Chelsa Bennett
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Omaha, NE 68112-2722

October 15, 2011

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Sincerely,

Chelsa Bennett
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Nathaniel Collins
210 2 16th St. Apt. 1025
Omaha, NE 68102

October 14, 2011

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Nathaniel Collins
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Pete Yaeger
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Omaha, NE 68134-2413

October 12, 2011

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Pete Yaeger
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Bill Mollring
1051 Douglas Street Apt. 2
Imperial, NE 69033-3147

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Bill Mollring
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Allan J. Love Sr
105 5th street - PO Box 217 apt #2
Herman, NE 68029-0217

September 30, 2011

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2008 241st Tr.
Ellsworth, NE 69340-7120

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Sincerely,

Trenda Nielson
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William McPherson
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Carleton, NE 68326-4165

September 28, 2011

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Sincerely,

William R. McPherson
402-356-2094

Adam Davenport
308 N Oak St
Paxton, NE 69155-1326

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Terry Riessen
402-917-0501

Susan Frank
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Stanton, NE 68779-7876

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Jennifer Olbricht
4840 Baker Ave
Grand Island, NE 68801-9028

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Robert Sandersfeld
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Wendy Wunder
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Deborah Karnatz
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