



## UNITED STATES SENATE

July 22, 2014

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

In light of proposed telecommunication mergers, I write to highlight the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) commitment to ensure access to telecommunication services in rural South Carolina.

The *Telecommunications Act of 1996* codified Congress' commitment to providing universal telecommunications and information services to all regions of the nation. Furthermore, FCC's National Broadband Plan maintains that the lack of adequate broadband availability is most pressing in rural America.

As telecommunication mergers are considered, I will follow the potential impacts on rural South Carolina citizens and their ability to access telecommunication services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lindsey O. Graham".

Lindsey O. Graham  
United States Senator