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January 29, 2015

The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham
U.S. House of Representatives
214 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Grisham:

Thank you for your letter supporting the rural broadband experiments application submitted by The High Plains Regional Education Cooperative and TeraStream Broadband (TeraStream). Your views are very important and will be included in the record of the proceeding.

In January of last year, the Commission initiated an experiment to inform our policies to build the next generation networks in rural America and invited proposals on whether there is interest in constructing high-bandwidth networks in high-cost areas. This experiment has allowed us to explore how to structure the CAF Phase II competitive bidding process in price-cap areas and gather valuable information about deploying next-generation networks in high-cost areas. We issued an invitation, and the response was astounding. We received nearly 1,000 expressions of interest from all parts of the country and from a wide range of entities, including rural telephone companies, rural electric co-ops, cable and wireless service providers, schools and libraries, research and education networks, and communities.

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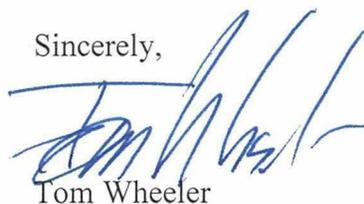
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The Honorable Martin Heinrich
United States Senate
702 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Heinrich:

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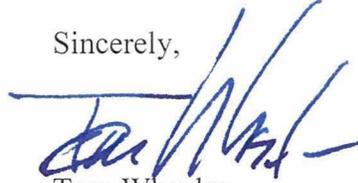
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The Honorable Ben Ray Luján
U.S. House of Representatives
2446 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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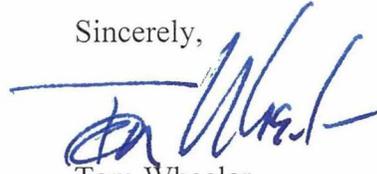
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2432 Cannon House Office Building
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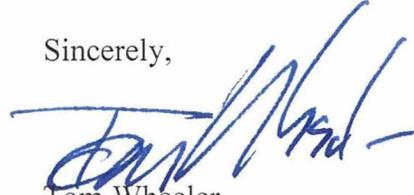
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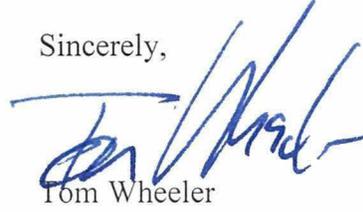
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