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Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

I am writing to express my support for City of San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson to be nominated as a member of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee.

As you know, the Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the FCC Commission on how to accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access by reducing or removing regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment. Issues to be considered by the Committee include local franchising, zoning, permitting, and rights-of-way regulations; recommending further reforms of the Commission's pole attachment rules and identifying unreasonable regulatory barriers to broadband deployment. I understand that one of the Committee's first tasks will be drafting a model code covering local franchising, zoning, permitting, and rights-of-way regulations, which could build a better regulatory environment for deployment of infrastructure.

San Ramon is the home of the Bishop Ranch Office Park, a 585 acre world class office campus that is becoming the "third leg" of high-tech business hubs in the Bay Area, joining Silicon Valley and San Francisco, because of the number and variety of well-recognized technology firms with offices at Bishop Ranch. The City is located in the Tri-Valley area, which is already a driving force in the economic engine of the Bay Area, and Bishop Ranch sits at the heart of the region.

As a result of representing the City of San Ramon, Mayor Clarkson understands the importance of providing cutting edge technologies and services in order to attract to the best talent and increase high-tech jobs in the Tri-Valley area. He also understands that consumers benefit most from competition, not preemptive regulation. In addition, Mayor Clarkson understands the importance of maintaining public, education and government access channels in a community, and has been actively involved at the federal level to ensure that this important service remains secure.

As you consider applications from representatives of various sectors of the communications industry, representatives of state and local regulators, representatives of consumers and community organizations, I encourage you to select San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson, whose

expertise and viewpoints would be invaluable as you consider the issues to be considered by the Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Swalwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Swalwell".

Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress