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UNITED STATES SENATE  
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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai,

I welcome and support your efforts to accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access by forming the new federal advisory committee, the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC) and requesting nominations for membership. I would appreciate your giving serious consideration to the application of Granite Telecommunications, LLC for inclusion on BDAC. Sam Kline would serve as Granite's representative.

Granite has extensive experience in broadband deployment, having undertaken broadband rollout projects for hundreds of multi-site businesses throughout the country. This capability will be invaluable to the committee in providing advice and recommendations on how to accelerate broadband deployment. I believe Sam's work at Granite and previously in other areas in the telecommunications industry would be an asset to BDAC.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued focus on deployment issues.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roger F. Wicker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roger" being particularly prominent.

Roger F. Wicker