

November 15, 2017

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Communications  
and Technology  
2266 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Blackburn:

For economic development, 5G technology is the way of our future. Hardin County is a regional draw for surrounding counties because of our robust commercial and healthcare industries.

As mayor of a rural county in Western Tennessee, we face challenges every day; one of which is accessibility to the internet. Broadband is not readily available to all of our citizens. We have a K-8 school in Pickwith with limited download and upload capabilities, and we have a technology company that moved from Pickwith to Savannah to increase its internet capabilities.

HMC, a county owned hospital, is the only hospital between Savannah and Memphis. 5G is paramount to be able to share medical test results and information with other providers in larger hospitals.

Access to broadband and 5G is crucial for our continued growth. Thank you for your support of these technologies and your concern for rural Tennesseans.

Regards,

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Kevin Davis  
Mayor  
Hardin County, Tennessee