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Association

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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Blackburn:

On behalf of the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA), I would like to express strong support for your efforts to ensure that rural communities enjoy the benefits of wireless broadband. WIA is the principal organization representing the companies that build, design, own, and manage wireless facilities in the U.S. and throughout the world. Our mission is to expand wireless broadband everywhere.

Today's hearing, entitled, "Realizing the Benefits of Rural Broadband: Challenges and Solutions," will examine how to deliver broadband to all Americans. I am especially pleased that WIA member Deere & Company is testifying on the importance of rural broadband and the great work the company is doing to promote the use of technology to improve US agricultural production and efficiency.

The importance of expanding rural broadband cannot be overstated. Rural areas will benefit tremendously from broadband. As such, it is important for the public and private sector to work together to ensure that buildout can accelerate in these areas and that no community is left behind. WIA and its members stand ready and willing to work with Congress to ensure that no American community is left behind.

Thank you again for your efforts and the efforts of your Subcommittee in bring broadband to rural communities. WIA remains committed to delivering next generation wireless broadband to all communities and looks forward to working with this Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Adelstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Jonathan Adelstein  
President and CEO  
Wireless Infrastructure Association