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The Honorable Ted Cruz
Chairman
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
United States Senate

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

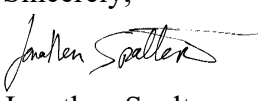
On behalf of USTelecom – The Broadband Association, I write to express our strong support for the nomination of Danielle Thumann Severs to serve as a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, and to urge the Committee and the full Senate to confirm her.

USTelecom represents broadband providers of every size that are working every day to build, upgrade, and extend the networks that connect American families, businesses, and first responders. We know firsthand the caliber of data-driven, even-handed policy leadership it takes to keep that mission moving, and Ms. Thumann Severs has demonstrated exactly that throughout her time at the Commission.

Ms. Thumann Severs has been an intrepid advocate for cutting the red tape that slows broadband deployment, pressing for permitting reforms that will more quickly connect families, businesses, and American communities to fast, reliable broadband. She also has shown real commitment to address the connectivity needs of rural America. Importantly, she has been a steady hand in the effort to modernize America's communications networks so no American is left behind without reliable phone service or access to 911 in an emergency.

I've worked over the years with Ms. Thumann Severs and can attest to her exceptional intellect and probity. She is well prepared to carry out the agency's important work as a Commissioner, and we respectfully urge the Committee to act promptly to advance and confirm her nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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