



May 9, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW.
Washington, DC 2500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of our two public interest organizations and our members, we strongly urge you to take concerted action to promote the nomination of Gigi Sohn to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). We were extremely pleased that you nominated Ms. Sohn for this position last year. Our organizations wrote a letter endorsing her candidacy to the Chairwoman and Ranking Member of the Senate Commerce Committee that was signed by 69 organizations from around the U.S., including several anchor institutions and digital inclusion organizations. The Commerce Committee successfully moved her nomination out of Committee on March 3, 2022, but her nomination has not yet been brought to the Senate floor for a final confirmation vote.

Ms. Sohn has been a long-time advocate for internet freedom, consumer protection, and digital inclusivity. Though steadfast in her principles, she has a deep and realistic understanding of the digital marketplace and its practical and economic challenges. In turn, she recognizes the need to work with others from all sides of every issue to achieve a more open, affordable, and privacy-protective communications landscape.

The FCC cannot move forward on several significant public interest issues until Ms. Sohn is confirmed by the full U.S. Senate. Reform of the federal Universal Service Fund, the success of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and impactful rulemaking on digital discrimination. In short, the Biden Administration's stated goal of ensuring affordable broadband for all and solving the digital divide is in jeopardy unless Ms. Sohn is confirmed in the near future. While the vote to confirm her nomination must be made in the U.S. Senate, many U.S. Senators look to the White House for leadership on Ms. Sohn's nomination.

Thank you for considering our views. We look forward to continuing to work with you to promote high-quality broadband for community anchor institutions and the millions of people who do not have affordable broadband access today.

Sincerely,

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