

November 14, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
322 Hart Senate Office Building
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce,
Science and Transportation
Russell Senate Office Building 254
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Leader Schumer and Chair Cantwell:

Our unions represent millions of workers in telecommunications, tech, and media as well as most sectors of the US workforce. We write to strongly support Gigi Sohn for the role of Commissioner at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and urge swift action on her nomination. The FCC needs a fully seated commission in order to make critical decisions during a period of increased federal investment in broadband networks and digital equity initiatives.

Gigi Sohn has over 30 years of experience working on communications policy. Her meaningful leadership, dedication, and contributions cannot be overstated, as she has been instrumental in the success of many FCC programs, including on the issues of affordability, competition, open internet, modernization of the Lifeline program, and adoption of strong privacy rules for broadband providers. Sohn has also ensured that working people and underrepresented communities are front and center in charting the course for an equitable communications and media ecosystem. During the T-Mobile/Sprint merger, Sohn was a key ally in the fight to protect the jobs of the working families who ultimately ended up being harmed by the merger. Additionally, Sohn supports constructive collaboration with states to ensure effective mapping and oversight of broadband services and infrastructure.

Sohn's voice, experience, and expertise are just what the FCC needs. Once confirmed, she will continue to be a staunch champion for workers and consumers. Sohn fully understands our complex telecommunications and media landscape, the importance of diversity and inclusion for all people, and will work diligently to ensure all viewpoints are represented in FCC decisions.

We urge you to swiftly advance the nomination of Gigi Sohn.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

AFL-CIO

American Federation of Teachers (AFT)

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Communications Workers of America (CWA)

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU)

Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

Writers Guild of America, West (WGAW)

cc: Members of the U.S. Senate