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Senator Maria Cantwell, Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Roger Wicker, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
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Dear Chair Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker,

On behalf of Pride at Work, which represents LGBTQ+ union members and their allies, I write to strongly support Gigi Sohn for the role of Commissioner at the FCC and urge swift action on her nomination. Her meaningful leadership, dedication, and contributions cannot be overstated. She has been instrumental in the success of many FCC proceedings, including on competition, open internet, modernization of the Lifeline program, and adoption of strong privacy rules for broadband providers. Throughout her career, she has been a champion of workers and consumers.

Gigi Sohn has over 30 years of experience working on communications policy and has been an advocate for affordable internet access. She was a key ally of the labor movement in the fight to protect jobs during the T-Mobile/Sprint merger and supports efforts to hold broadband service providers accountable.

Pride at Work seeks full equality for LGBTQ+ workers in our workplaces and unions and works towards creating a Labor Movement that cherishes diversity, encourages openness, and ensures safety and dignity. Sohn has been a dedicated supporter of fast, affordable, and reliable broadband for all people, including the LGBTQ+ community, which is crucial for bridging the digital divide and ensuring full participation in social, economic, and political life.

Once confirmed, Gigi Sohn will be the first openly LGBTQ+ Commissioner of the FCC, and 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 the views of the LGBTQ+ community are well represented in FCC decisions.

Gigi Sohn's voice, experience, knowledge, and expertise are needed on the FCC as it tackles major issues in the years ahead. Hence, we urge you to act quickly to confirm Gigi Sohn.

Sincerely,

Jerame Davis
Executive Director