



Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms. Bowles,

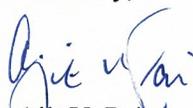
I was pleased to receive your letter reporting on the terrific progress the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC) has made under your leadership. Closing the digital divide is my top priority as Chairman, and meeting that priority requires the FCC and all stakeholders to take action to accelerate broadband deployment.

The BDAC is a critical part of the Commission's efforts to advance these goals. Finding ways to reduce the cost of deployment is a key objective of the BDAC, and I am eagerly anticipating tomorrow's meeting to see what has been accomplished. Thank you for your great work keeping the BDAC on track and moving towards fulfillment of its charge. The members of the BDAC and its working groups have my deep gratitude for your hard work and commitment to helping more Americans enjoy the benefits of broadband.

The issues assigned to the BDAC are matters of tremendous importance, and I very much look forward to receiving the committee's recommendations. I am committed to ensuring that the BDAC is fully empowered to succeed in its mission. At your recommendation, I have asked FCC staff to schedule the next BDAC meeting for January 23-24 of next year. This schedule gives the BDAC additional time to reach the right solutions on its model codes and in other key areas, as well as an extra day of deliberations to finalize its recommendations and report.

Thank you once again for taking on the role of BDAC chair. Under your leadership, the group is in great hands. If there is anything I can do to assist your work going forward, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,


Ajit V. Pai
Chairman

Federal Communications Commission

*Thanks for all your
efforts, Elizabeth!*