



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

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chairwoman, Senate Commerce Committee
512 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

July 11, 2023

Dear Leader Schumer and Chair Cantwell,

On behalf of [Common Sense Media](#), America's leading organization dedicated to helping kids and families thrive in a rapidly changing digital world, I am writing to urge you to advance the nominations of Anna Gomez and Geoffrey Starks, to serve on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in Committee and on the floor as quickly as possible. A fully operational FCC with five commissioners is vital for America's economic interests and to ensure that all Americans can benefit from the significant investments Congress has made in areas under the FCC's purview.

With the passage of the historic infrastructure law and its provisions to address broadband affordability and access, for example, a full complement of FCC commissioners will enhance the FCC's ability to administer the directives in this critical law. Having five commissioners will also enable the FCC to promote telecommunications affordability, competition, privacy, sound spectrum policy, network resiliency, and other consumer protections.

Ms. Gomez is exceptionally qualified to be an FCC Commissioner. She has expertly served the government on domestic and international telecommunications issues from leadership posts at the FCC, NTIA, State Department, and the White House National Economic Council. She will be a significant asset to the FCC and the constituencies it serves.

Mr. Starks' current term as FCC Commissioner has been marked by an unwavering commitment to ensure that every corner of the country benefits from universal, affordable access to high-speed internet, a demonstrated priority for members of both parties in Congress and the Administration as well. His expertise in telecommunications enforcement and national security is well suited to the tasks set out before the FCC after the recent passage of the IIJA.

I strongly encourage you to move as quickly on Ms. Gomez and Mr. Starks's nominations.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Steyer".

Jim Steyer
Co-Founder and CEO, Common Sense