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The Honorable Maria E. Cantwell  
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Transportation  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Madam Chairman and Senator Wicker,

We represent fiscal conservatives, free market advocates, and millions of American taxpayers across the country who oppose the nomination of Gigi Sohn to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Her initial nomination was allowed to expire at the end of December 2021 for good reason: her ethics and personal biases. Under her leadership, America's communications would undoubtedly be subject to censorship and decisions which threaten the basic principles of the American free press.

Sohn has repeatedly called on the shuttering of conservative networks, going as far as calling Fox News, "state-sponsored propaganda." Then as the New York Post faced suspension for their reporting on Hunter Biden, she publicly claimed, "anti-conservative bias on online platforms ... is a bunch of BS." This is not how our nation's top regulatory officials should conduct themselves.

The FCC is supposed to be an independent agency of the U.S. federal government, and Sohn's repeated public remarks demonstrate she is anything but neutral.

We agree with your concern regarding Sohn's involvement with Locast streaming services, and the possibility of her future financial liability to several companies regulated by the FCC. Even the National Association of Broadcasters publicly noted, "the ethics agreement that Ms. Sohn submitted to the Senate currently does not adequately address the inherent conflict presented by her recent leadership position at Locast and her potential role as an FCC commissioner."

What's more concerning is that even after you – and others – raised issue with Sohn's potential conflict, she still proceeded with a sweetheart settlement involving the very broadcasters she would regulate if approved. This is proving a pattern of questionable ethics and decision-making.

The FCC is the enforcer of American media and allowing someone with extreme public biases and conflicts of interest to oversee this vital agency is a threat to our country's basic principles of freedom. Americans deserve better.

We strongly urge you to reject Sohn's nomination to the FCC and hold our regulators to the highest standard.

Sincerely,

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