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Chairman Ted Cruz
Commerce, Science & Transportation
Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Ranking Member Maria Cantwell
Commerce, Science & Transportation
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RE: AGC Support for Arielle Roth's Nomination to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Dear Chairman Cruz and Ranking Member Cantwell:

The Associated General Contractors Association (AGC) supports the nomination of Ms. Arielle Roth as Administrator for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). AGC is a national construction trade association representing more than 28,000 construction firms with chapters and members in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. AGC members are engaged in excavation and utility construction including broadband deployment projects and understand the importance of expanding internet infrastructure to underserved regions.

Throughout her career in both the public and private sectors, Ms. Roth has demonstrated an understanding of the importance of expanding broadband internet to all Americans. Additionally, Ms. Roth is knowledgeable with the challenges and inefficiencies that exist under current broadband deployment programs aimed at expanding internet to rural and underserved areas.

A major goal for the incoming NTIA Administrator will be carrying out the Broadband Equity and Accessibility Deployment (BEAD) program that was included within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Ms. Roth is familiar with the challenges surrounding the BEAD program and her experience in telecommunications provides her with the background necessary to lead the NTIA to successfully deploy BEAD projects as well as future broadband infrastructure expansion projects. These projects will provide broadband access to Americans all over the country and support well-paying construction jobs.

AGC looks forward to working with Ms. Roth on the construction of our nation's broadband infrastructure and furthering our working relationship with the NTIA. As such, we urge the Senate to quickly confirm her nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Shoaf".

Jeffrey D. Shoaf
Chief Executive Officer

CC: All members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation