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Dear American Wireless Carriers:

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing and expanding reliable wireless networks across the country. I admire your innovation and I thank you for your investment in our economy—especially in rural places like Montana, which cannot afford to be left behind in the digital revolution. As your companies prepare for nationwide 5G network deployment, I respectfully ask you to never overlook the communities that are still far behind the curve when it comes to basic wireless and broadband services. I am also asking you to consider the city of Billings, Montana, as a possible pilot site for early 5G network services.

Billings is indeed a rural city—home to more than 100,000 people, making it a regional hotspot for business, health care, transportation, and culture. Its world-class hospitals and schools, its booming agriculture and refining industries, its expanding direct flights and its revitalized downtown district makes Billings a strong candidate for 5G investment. Billings is also the largest city in over 500 miles, making it a regional hub for thriving commerce in frontier America. Investing in 5G infrastructure in Billings will help your companies understand the perspective and challenges of rural communities and the economies they support.

Montana routinely ranks as the most entrepreneurial state in the nation by the Kauffman Foundation. Last year, Montana's high technology industry generated an 18.5 percent increase in jobs and is projected to continue to rise. I strongly believe investing in a 5G pilot network in

Billings would be a sound investment for your any of your companies, and for Montana's growing economy.

I would be happy to assist in making this possible, and I warmly invite you to Billings to see "The Magic City" for yourself. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Tester". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

Jon Tester