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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair
Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member
Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation
United States Senate
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JOHN A. FLYNN
Vice President
*Police Benevolent
Association of New York City*

CRAIG LALLY
Recording Secretary
*Los Angeles Police
Protective League*

Dear Chairwoman Cantwell and Ranking Member Cruz:

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
*Massachusetts Coalition
of Police*

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the more than 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers we represent across the United States, I am writing to advise you of our serious concerns with the nomination of Gigi Sohn to serve as a commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

KEITH CURRY
Sergeant-at-Arms
*New Jersey State Policemen's
Benevolent Association*

Ms. Sohn has a significant record of supporting anti-law enforcement statements on social media. In July of 2020, for example, during the riots in Portland, Oregon, she retweeted a tweet criticizing federal law enforcement officers as "armed goons in riot gear with tear gas" while defending rioters who carried gas masks and shields. Further, over the past several years, she has retweeted tweets calling for the "defunding of police". This shows an anti-police bias that should disqualify her as an official in the federal government.

SCOTT LEETON
Executive Secretary
*Combined Law Enforcement
Associations of Texas*

MARK YOUNG
Vice President,
Associate Members
*Detroit Police Lieutenants &
Sergeants Association*

As a private citizen, our Constitution affords Ms. Sohn the right to hold and express these views. However, it is profoundly concerning to us that a nominee for commissioner of the FCC has harbored such an openly hostile and defamatory view of police. If Ms. Sohn is confirmed to this position, there is no way to assure those views will not be perpetuated.

JAMES PALMER
Parliamentarian
*Wisconsin Professional Police
Association*

We want to move forward with improving our relationship with our communities and enhance their trust in our profession, but if such sentiments are held by high-ranking members federal government, this will be difficult to do. The men and women of the law enforcement community put their lives on the line every day to serve and protect their communities and they deserve the support and respect of their government.

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns, and we urge you to stand with us in opposition to the nomination of Ms. Sohn to be a FCC commissioner. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq.
Executive Director