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Katherine,

After reviewing the CBC, Oct 7, Listening Session videotape regarding Providers, I'd like to add the following comments to the public record.

The providers involved in the conversation overwhelmingly indicted unfair local regulations and practices for their inability to cost-effectively and reliably expand their broadband infrastructure. One provider representative used the word "extortion" at around 27:30 on to tape.

Yet, when asked to provide information about their deployment plans, they invoked various competitive clauses limiting their ability to disclose any relevant information regarding deployment.

I'm not sure how you get a sympathetic and constructive public when the providers want all the benefits of deregulation and none of the obligations that come with providing services to the public, particularly citizen/consumers living in residential neighborhoods.

Missing from the conversation is any entity representing public sector or municipal broadband solutions. I doubt they would have trouble answering deployment questions and may inform the council on best practices for working with local government.

I hope that a representative from the public sector community is invited or encouraged to attend the next provider listening session.

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