November 30, 2021

Dear Committee Chair Cantwell and Ranking Member Wicker:

We write on behalf of the members of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) to oppose the nomination of Gigi Sohn to be a commissioner on the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Ms. Sohn’s past actions have supported large technology companies in ways that have hindered small, independent Latino-owned media companies and has jeopardized Latino content creators. In addition, these actions have had the effect of erecting unnecessary barriers to entry to capital markets for Latino-owned businesses.

While Ms. Sohn manages her public image as a proponent of net neutrality, during her tenure as a senior advisor to the FCC, her counsel did not support nor advance Latino or minority ownership in the media landscape.

Additionally, we are concerned by the eager public support by some extremist conservative media platforms who have endorsed Ms. Sohn’s nomination and whose support she has yet to publicly reject. While we support the First Amendment as a civil rights organization, Ms. Sohn’s position as a defender of First Amendment rights is being seen by proponents of the January 6 insurrection as supporting the kinds of disinformation that fueled the attacks on our nation’s Capitol, impacted the 2020 presidential elections, and have promoted Spanish-language disinformation about the COVID-19 vaccinations, including the use of social media platforms to promulgate the same.

For these reasons, we urge you to oppose the nomination of Gigi Sohn to the FCC. Please contact us at Policy@LULAC.org should you have follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

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