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WTA Congratulates Jessica Rosenworcel on Senate Confirmation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Dec. 7, 2021) – WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband extends its congratulations to Jessica Rosenworcel for receiving strong bipartisan support in the Senate to serve another term on the Federal Communications Commission and on becoming the first female permanent chairwoman of the FCC.

The following statement can be attributed to Derrick Owens, Senior Vice President of Government & Industry Affairs:

“We’re pleased to see Jessica Rosenworcel receive a vote of confidence from the Senate today to serve another term at the FCC. We’ve always found her and her staff to be thoughtful and attentive to the needs of the small, rural broadband providers we represent. The recent federal funding appropriated for broadband buildout and affordability programs will require tremendous coordination between agencies. Her expertise will be vital. We especially look forward to working with Chairwoman Rosenworcel on the many issues of interest to rural telecom providers – none more important than the future of the Universal Service Fund. Over the years, the FCC has reformed the distribution methodology and it must now bring the contribution mechanism into the modern era. The Fund has proven successful, and stabilizing it for the future is important as WTA members continue to build and maintain their broadband networks.”

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