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Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta, Esq Secretary's Bureau
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Attention: Judge Haas

Dear Judge Haas:

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I ask that you hold an in-person public input hearing in Sullivan County. Representatives Tina Pickett and Clint Owlett hosted two meetings with OCA and OSBA in their districts to explain the next steps of this process. The community made it clear they would like to have the opportunity to speak during this important hearing. Many Frontier customers cannot or do not have the ability to join an online format because of the very topic in this case. I believe the best avenue for effective communication would be for an in-person public hearing. Otherwise, you will receive an incomplete depiction of how Frontier customers are being negatively impacted.

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Attention: Secretary Rosemary Chiavetta

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