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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

March 6, 2026

The Honorable Bendan Carr
Chairman
Office of the Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Via e-mail to: CSRIC@fcc.gov

RE: *NARUC Nomination of Nebraska Commissioner Tim Schram as NARUC's Representative to the FCC's Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council.*

Dear Chairman Carr,

As you know, the members of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) have essential oversight responsibilities over all critical infrastructures as well as a key role in disaster recovery and communications. NARUC had active representatives on all but two rechartered of FCC Communications Security Reliability and Interoperability Council. State Commissioners can provide a valuable and unique perspective to the issues the CSRIC addresses.

In accordance with NARUC's governing procedures, NARUC's current President, the Honorable Ann Rendahl, a Commissioner with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, respectfully nominates the Honorable Tim Schram, Commissioner, Nebraska Public Service Commission, as NARUC's representative on this crucially important federal advisory council.

As noted, *supra*, NARUC's member commissions are involved in disaster preparation and recovery, outage investigations, and post-event restoration of all critical infrastructure sectors. According to the Notice seeking nominations, CSRIC X will "consider and address . . . Reducing Common Causes of Sunny Day Outages; Expanding NG911's Multimedia Availability and Increasing 911 Accessibility; and Enhancing Communications Network Security."¹

¹ *FCC ANNOUNCES INTENT TO RE-CHARTER THE COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY, AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL AND SOLICITS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP*, Public Notice DA 2-134 (February 9, 2026), online at: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-announces-intent-re-charter-csric> .

In addition to typical disaster recovery responsibilities, Commissioner Schram has been very involved in the deployment of next generation 911.² He served as a member of the last CSRIC on related issues.

The undersigned is NARUC's General Counsel and can confirm the NARUC President has authority under our bylaws to make this nomination and has done so – in the words suggested in the CSRIC notice:

"I am James Bradford Ramsay, the General Counsel at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, with responsibilities for NARUC, including the interpretation of NARUC's Constitution and bylaws and, among other things, all telecommunications related advocacy for the organization. My organization supports Commissioner Schram, who is currently a Commissioner with the Nebraska Public Service Commission – a member of NARUC - to serve as our representative on the Commission's Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council."

The FCC CSRIC notice specifies several other declarations/pieces of information that must be included in any nomination request.

First, it requires that the request be submitted to directly to CSRIC@fcc.gov.

I will do so and will also copy Ms. Suzon Cameron, Designated Federal Official for CSRIC X.

Second it requires the contact information, name, title, and organization of the nominee, along with the nominee's mailing address, e-mail address and phone number:

NAME: The Honorable Tim Schram

TITLE: Commissioner, Nebraska Public Service Commission

ORGANIZATION: National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

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Lincoln, NE 68509-4927

E-MAIL: tim.schram@nebraska.gov Web site: <http://psc.nebraska.gov>

² See, Wood, Colin, *Nebraska plans to complete Net-generation 911 by the end of 2022*, (State Scoop Feb 4, 2021), at: <https://statescoop.com/nebraska-lumen-ng911-2022/> "With 93 counties and a vastly rural landscape, statewide next-generation 911 is a big project with many considerations, said Tim Schram, a commissioner on the Nebraska Public Service Commission. "It's important that the system be built with the necessary capacity and redundancy to ensure that 911 calls are answered without interruption, that the GIS data can be as accurate as possible for the geospatial call routing, and that the system be secure from cyber vulnerabilities," Schram told StateScoop. "We need to also ensure that adequate funding exists to support the statewide system."

IMPORTANT NOTE – NARUC respectfully requests that NARUC’s General Counsel, Brad Ramsay, also be included on the mailing list for the CSRIC. His e-mail is jramsay@naruc.org. Mr. Ramsay is Commissioner Schram’s alternate.

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Third, the FCC notice indicates organizations should summarize the nominee’s qualifications and reasons why the nominee should be appointed to the CSRIC:

The work of the CSRIC is critical. The Nebraska Public Service Commission has, like all commissions, been critically focused on all the issues raised in the CSRIC charter. Because NARUC members have oversight over interdependent critical infrastructure sectors, NARUC is confident that Commissioner Schram, who has practical experience as policy maker, will be an active and useful perspective to the work of the Council. He, as noted earlier, is currently involved in the roll out of next generation 911 services in Nebraska and has testified before the Nebraska legislature on that topic. It is self-evident that he can provide the Council with a unique and vital perspective. A copy of his biography is appended to this letter.

Fourth, it asked for a current resume, which is attached to this letter.

Fifth, it requires a description of the “organization the nominee will represent as well as the benefit of having the organization represented on the Council.”

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) is a quasi-governmental nonprofit organization founded in 1889. NARUC represents government officials in the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, charged with the duty of regulating, inter alia, the telecommunications common carriers and other critical gas, electric, and water infrastructures within their respective borders. Both the United States Congress – in federal telecommunications legislation, and federal courts have recognized that NARUC is a proper party to represent the collective interest of the State regulatory commissions. See, e.g., 47 U.S.C. § 410 (1986), where Congress calls NARUC "the national organization of the State commissions" responsible for economic and safety regulation of the intrastate operation of carriers and utilities. Cf, 47 U.S.C. § 254 (1996). See, also, USA v. Southern Motor Carrier Rate Conference, et al., 467 F.Supp. 471 (N.D. Ga. 1979), aff. 672 F.2d 469 (5th Cir. Unit "B" 1982); aff. en banc, 702 F.2d 532 (5th Cir. Unit "B" 1983, rev'd, 471 U.S. 48 (1985). See, also Indianapolis Power and Light Co. v. ICC, 587 F.2d 1098 (7th Cir. 1982); Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. FCC, 513 F.2d 1142 (9th Cir. 1976).

State commissions play an obvious and critical role in emergency communications and disaster recovery. NARUC already cooperates with the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau on critical emergency communications contacts. We also interface

regularly with elements of the Department of Homeland Security through our Critical Infrastructure Committee. NARUC's innovation center runs a variety of grants focused on the physical and cybersecurity of critical infrastructure operations.

Commissioner Schram will provide a NARUC perspective on the work of the council.

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Finally, the notice requires NARUC confirm that our nominee is not a registered federal lobbyist.

Accordingly, I can confirm that: Commissioner Schram is not a registered federal lobbyist.

If there are any questions about this nomination, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Bradford Ramsay

GENERAL COUNSEL

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

cc: Greg Watson, *Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman*
Suzon Cameron, *Designated Federal Official for CSRIC, PSHSB*

The Honorable Tim Schram
Commissioner, Nebraska Public Service Commission

First elected to the Nebraska Public Service Commission in 2006, Commissioner Tim Schram is serving his third term. Commissioner Schram represents District 3, which covers Sarpy, Saunders, Washington and western Douglas Counties in eastern Nebraska. A resident of rural Gretna, he was involved in County Government before joining the Commission having served 12-years on the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, six-years on the Sarpy County Planning Commission, and three-years on the Sarpy County Extension Board.

Commissioner Schram has a background in agriculture, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Agriculture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1986).

Active in a number of committees, boards and organizations, Commissioner Schram serves as Chair of the Committee on Telecommunications of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and was appointed by the FCC to the Task Force on Optimal Public Safety Answering Point Architecture (TFOPA) in 2016. He serves on the Interstate Telecommunications Relay System Advisory Council. He is also NARUC's representative to the Universal Service Administration Company's Board of Directors. He volunteers time at the annual Sarpy County Fair and Rodeo and as an auctioneer for a number of benefits to include the Heart Association, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Whitetail Unlimited and the National Turkey Federation. A detailed listing of Commissioner Schrams' involvement can be found [here](#).