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**CONSUMER COUNSEL ELIN SWANSON KATZ APPOINTED TO
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
AS GOVERNOR MALLOY'S DESIGNEE**

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (December 30, 2016) – In one of his last acts as Chair, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Tom Wheeler appointed Governor Dannel P. Malloy to the FCC's Intergovernmental Advisory Board (IAC), with Consumer Counsel Elin Swanson Katz serving as his designee:
http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2016/db1229/DA-16-1461A1.doc

The IAC is comprised of fifteen representatives of state, local and Tribal governments with expertise in telecommunications policy. Governor Malloy is the only governor named to the IAC, which provides ongoing advice and information to the FCC on a broad range of telecommunications issues, including cable and local franchising, public rights-of-way, facilities siting, universal service, broadband access, barriers to competitive entry, and public safety communications, for which the Commission explicitly or inherently shares responsibility or administration with local, county, state or tribal governments.

“It’s an honor to serve as Governor Malloy’s designee to this key FCC commission on telecommunications policy,” Consumer Counsel Katz said. “I will work diligently to ensure the state perspective is heard at the FCC, and I thank Governor Malloy for his trust and faith in me when designating me as his representative.”

In his letter to the FCC appointing Consumer Counsel Katz as his designee, Governor Malloy noted her work as the public’s advocate for telecommunication services, stating, “She is a

passionate advocate for universal consumer access to affordable high-speed broadband services. With my support, Elin has worked in conjunction with industry and other state and municipal leaders to spur broadband investment in Connecticut. As a result, we have seen broadband infrastructure development, increasing broadband speeds, and measures to promote affordable access, including for underserved communities and veterans, throughout the state.”

Information about the Intergovernmental Advisory Board can be found on the FCC’s website at <https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/general/intergovernmental-advisory-committee>

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The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) is the State of Connecticut’s advocate for consumers on issues relating to electricity, natural gas, water, and telecommunications. For more information, visit www.ct.gov/occ. The State Broadband Office (SBO) is part of the Office of Consumer Counsel by statute, and works to facilitate the availability of broadband access to every state citizen and to increase access to and the adoption of ultra-high-speed gigabit capable broadband networks.