

December 2, 2021



## **State of the Industry WEBINAR**

**Thursday, December 9, 2021  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Plan to join BCAP's "State of the Industry" executive roundtable webinar – Thursday morning, December 9 at 10:30 a.m. – focusing on the industry's most pressing and timely issues, particularly government broadband stimulus disbursements and rural deployment.

Our roundtable panelists, taking questions from all webinar participants, will include:

- John Del Viscio – Director of Operations, Blue Ridge Communications
- Wendy Hartman – General Manager, Adams Cable Service
- Joe Taylor – Vice President & General Manager, Armstrong
- Tim Trently – General Manager, Service Electric Cablevision
- Todd Eachus (moderator) – President, BCAP

The webinar will be administered over the Microsoft Teams app.



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**Wall Street Journal**

**Op-ed: Hyperpartisan Gigi Sohn Doesn't Belong at the FCC**  
**by Matthew Whitaker, 2018-19 acting U.S. Attorney General**

The five commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission exercise broad regulatory and administrative authority over America's airwaves. They are powerful regulators of speech. President Biden's decision to nominate partisan Gigi Sohn to the FCC provides fresh evidence of the Democratic Party's leftward lurch. Among Mr. Biden's inner circle, Ms. Sohn's political tweets no doubt earn nods of approval. "I have Republican Friends—They're Not All Insane;" "if g-d forbid Trump wins, the only thing protecting our Republic is the Ds taking over the Senate;" "I don't give a rat if you want to still be a Republican. But if you think @realDonaldTrump is destroying the Constitution and this country, you must vote for @JoeBiden, full stop." But there is a difference between dime-a-dozen West Wing political appointees and the long-lasting power and influence of an FCC commissioner. Ms. Sohn's rabid partisanship disqualifies her as a candidate for the FCC.

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### ***Harrisburg Patriot-News***

#### **Pennsylvania's U.S. Senate race keeps getting more interesting... whenever you're ready to tune in**

The shape-shifting in Pennsylvania's 2022 U.S. Senate race would make a lava lamp proud. In the last two weeks, in the Republican campaign alone, we've: A) lost the candidate many observers saw as the nominal Republican primary front-runner after a very public child custody dispute; B) seen a television personality who nobody knew was a Pennsylvanian hop in; C) had at least two other potentially top-tier candidates acknowledge they may still enter the fray. The Democrats, meanwhile, have their own four-person field chugging along toward this winter's filing period, led by the ever-unconventional Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, and the Congressman from central casting, U.S. Rep. Conor Lamb.

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#### **John Baer: Pa.'s history of phony budgets brings us infrastructure woes and a bridge-tolling plan**

OK, we all know about Pennsylvania potholes. About old bridges with the structural soundness of something built with Tinker Toys. About plans to cure infrastructure ills by tolling up to nine state bridges, including Harrisburg's I-83 South Bridge. I've argued the biggest reason for this mess, for our roads and bridges consistently ranked among the nation's worst, is our government's consistent refusal to fix it. But it's shoddier than that. It's deliberate misuse of funding to fix it. A reader recently reminded me of the direct line between today's infrastructure issues and the legislature's annual habit of diverting funds reserved for highways and bridges away from highways and bridges. Yep. Been doing it for years. Both parties. From Republican Gov. Tom Ridge to Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf. And we're talking billions of dollars.

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