Democratic Calls for Bipartisan FCC Nominations

Senate Commerce Committee hearings and markups | 119th Congress (2025–2026)

Date	Committee Member	Statement
April 9, 2025 Olivia Trusty hearing	Sen. Maria Cantwell	"I expect this administration will maintain a fully staffed FCC with five commissioners, including two Democrats."
April 30, 2025 Olivia Trusty markup	Sen. Maria Cantwell	"So I will continue to support her as long as we are going to continue to support both Democratic and Republican nominees."
April 30, 2025 Olivia Trusty markup	Sen. Jacky Rosen	Conditioned floor support on White House commitments to FCC independence and that Trusty's nomination be "paired with a Democratic nominee on the floor."
April 30, 2025 Olivia Trusty markup	Sen. Amy Klobuchar	"I do not believe she will have my vote on the floor if we have not advanced the Democratic nominee."
June 22, 2026 PoliticoPro	Sen. Maria Cantwell	"The FCC's job is to protect consumers and promote innovation in the communications sector. It can't do this job unless it's fully staffed, including by members of the minority party. Anna Gomez has fought for consumers and against censorship and should be renominated to the FCC."
June 22, 2026 PoliticoPro	Sen. Ben Ray Luján	"If the president wants to see a majority of Republican commissioners, then he should fill the empty slots that we have today — and he should also nominate Democrats and renominate Anna Gomez," New Mexico Sen. Ben Ray Luján, the top Democrat on the Commerce telecom subcommittee, said in an interview.
August 11, 2026 ArsTechnica	Sen. Ben Ray Luján	"If President Trump wants to fill these positions, he should do them in a bipartisan way."
November 10, 2026 Danielle Thumann Severs hearing	Sen. John Hickenlooper	"I strongly believe we should be considering the renomination of Commissioner Anna Gomez, the sole remaining Democrat."
November 10, 2026 Danielle Thumann Severs hearing	Sen. Ed Markey	"We should not be confirming a Republican nominee without also renominating and confirming Anna Gomez, the Democrat, and filling the other vacant Democratic seat."
November 10, 2026 Danielle Thumann Severs hearing	Sen. Tammy Duckworth	Urged delaying Severs's nomination and renominating Gomez.