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April 22, 2010

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy
and Consumer Rights
Committee on the Judiciary
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

Thank you for your letter regarding the need for robust competition for broadband services. I agree that competition drives innovation and investment, and provides consumer benefits such as improved broadband services. I also agree that the Commission should take steps to ensure that spectrum is being used – by established firms and new entrants alike – in a productive and efficient manner that will encourage the development of innovative, market-driven products.

Mobile broadband is central to our mission at the Commission. No sector of the communications industry holds greater potential to enhance America's economic competitiveness, spur job creation, and improve the quality of our lives. To achieve this potential, however, we must address one of the biggest challenges to the development of competitive broadband services, the limitation on available spectrum. The National Broadband Plan, which was delivered to Congress on March 16, 2010, presents multiple recommendations for allocating spectrum to meet consumers' needs for wireless broadband services. I am enclosing a copy of the Plan for your information.

As you note in your letter, the Commission has open proceedings for three sets of spectrum bands: (1) the 700 MHz Upper D Block in the 758-763 MHz and 788-793 MHz bands; (2) Advanced Wireless Service (AWS) in the 1915-1920 MHz, 1995-2000 MHz, 2020-2025 MHz, and 2175-2180 MHz (AWS-2) bands; and (3) AWS in the 2155-2175 MHz (AWS-3) band. All of these spectrum bands have been identified by parties as possible sources for additional spectrum for the provision of mobile broadband service. As the National Broadband Plan indicates, these proceedings are being prepared for active consideration.

I appreciate your interest in this very important matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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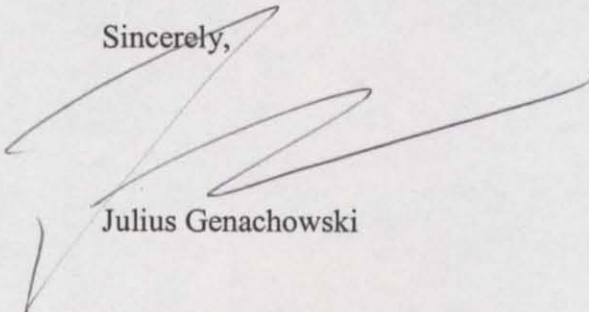
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