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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing regarding the Federal Communication Commission (FCC)'s National Broadband Plan to open up the Wireless Communications Service to mobile internet device manufacturers.

I commend you for looking at ways to increase access to broadband for more Americans. However, I want to ensure that the Commission gives proper attention to incumbent companies who have paid billions of dollars of infrastructure costs to build out a network in adjacent spectrum bands.

I have no interest in stifling innovation, and as a senior Member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, I have been a close follower of Internet and technology issues for decades. I also believe that, given strict testing procedures, this spectrum can be used to help create the next generation of mobile Internet devices. However, given the 19 million subscribers to satellite radio, the Commission must ensure that these new devices will not disrupt broadcasts for millions of people.

I respectfully request that you provide me with information on the steps the Commission is taking to make certain that mobile devices approved for use in the WCS band do not interfere with satellite radio broadcasts. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Eliot L. Engel  
Member of Congress