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October 25, 2010

The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Lieberman:

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In its report, GAO recommends that the Commission "assess whether expanding its original data collection of wireless industry inputs and outputs – such as prices, special access rates, capital expenditures, and equipment costs – would help it better satisfy its requirement to review competitive market conditions with respect to commercial mobile services."

The Commission appreciates GAO's recommendations. As a general matter, it has sought to expand the data brought to bear on its proceedings. In the area of mobile wireless, the Commission has incorporated expanded data and analyses into the Commission's 14th Mobile Wireless Competition Report issued this past May, as acknowledged in GAO's report.

The Commission recognizes that wireless connectivity is a key economic driver that creates enormous opportunities for consumers, innovators, and businesses. I agree with GAO that data-driven analysis of the wireless marketplace is essential for pro-innovation, pro-competition policies. The Commission continues to take proactive steps to improve its data and analysis, including collecting new and better data for the 15th Mobile Wireless Competition Report. I am pleased that GAO has recognized the need for the FCC to collect more comprehensive data on special access. The Commission will continue with steps to address many of the issues raised in the report.

Should you have any comments or questions, I would be pleased to discuss them with you.

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The Honorable Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
344 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Edolphus Towns
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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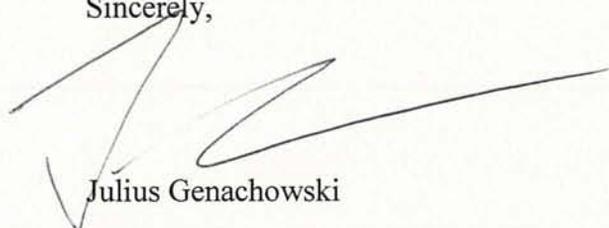
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The Honorable Darrell Issa
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
B-350A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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