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October 29, 2010

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Waxman:

Thank you for your letter welcoming the Commission's recent announcement regarding plans to develop a comprehensive spectrum inventory of the use of radio spectrum by non-Federal licensees and users under the Commission's jurisdiction. I support H.R. 3125's goal of conducting such an inventory.

I very much appreciate the Committee's input on the specifics of a comprehensive spectrum inventory. Many of the H.R. 3125 provisions are similar to steps we are considering in developing a plan to implement a spectrum inventory. This includes, as you note, the Commission's March launch of the "Spectrum Dashboard," which allows the general public to have access to information about various spectrum bands, including types of uses and licensee information on a county-by-county basis. The Dashboard has had more than 150,000 searches in the first five months since its launch. We held a public forum in May to highlight potential enhancements to the Dashboard and to solicit further public input on how to make this valuable tool more responsive to users' needs.

The National Broadband Plan recommends that we develop scientific, statistically valid methods to measure utilization of spectrum. The implementation of this recommendation will require the Commission to work closely with NTIA. In addition, the National Broadband Plan recommendations include conducting a triennial assessment of spectrum, consistent with many of the ideas detailed in your letter, including an assessment of the supply, usage and demand for spectrum, and an assessment of available spectrum and metrics by which to measure potential reallocation to alternative uses.

I share the Committee's commitment to expediting the availability of spectrum to support the growth of mobile broadband services. I look forward to working together to identify the best ways to most efficiently use this precious national resource so that we can lead the world in mobile communications.

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The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Rick Boucher
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
316 Ford House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Boucher:

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The Honorable Cliff Stearns
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2370 Rayburn House Office Building
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