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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C.

December 13, 2010

The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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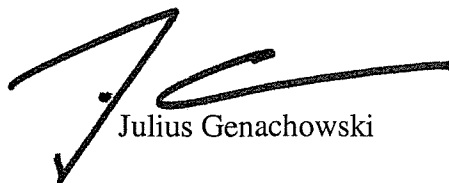
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The Honorable Cliff Stearns
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2370 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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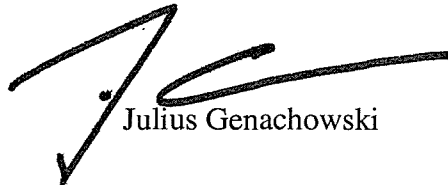
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The Honorable Fred Upton
U.S. House of Representatives
2183 Rayburn House Office Building
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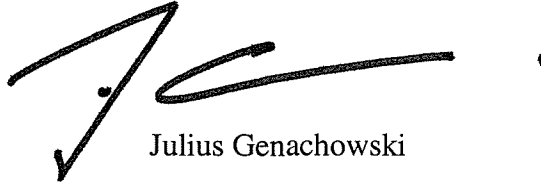
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U.S. House of Representatives
217 Cannon House Office Building
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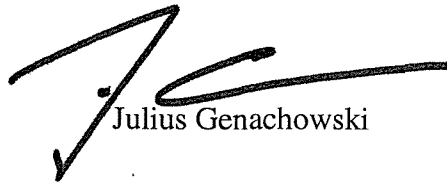
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U.S. House of Representatives
104 Cannon House Office Building
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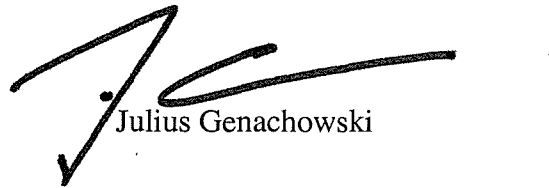
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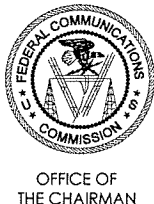
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The Honorable Ralph M. Hall
Ranking Member
Committee on Science
U.S. House of Representatives
394 Ford House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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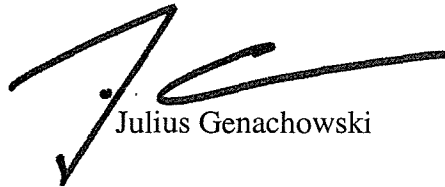
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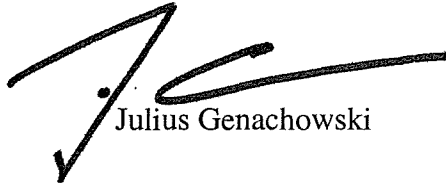
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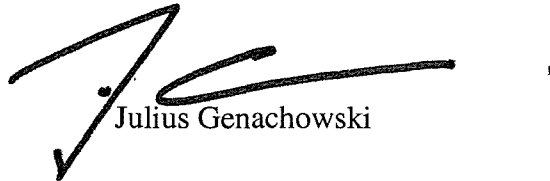
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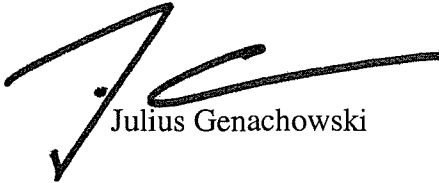
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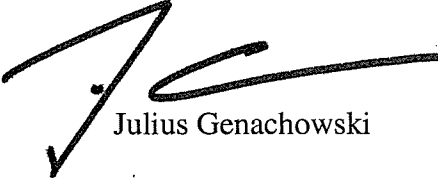
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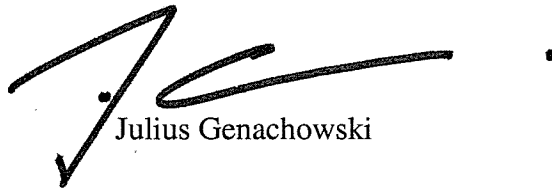
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