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The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

Thank you for your letter on the Commission's efforts to measure and publish data on actual performance of fixed and mobile broadband services. I am pleased that the Commission is actively providing information and tools to help consumers make informed decisions about broadband and communications services. Your support for this initiative, and particularly your attention to transparency in mobile wireless services, is invaluable.

The new Mobile Broadband Consumer Test that you mention in your letter has gained significant attention. In fact, to date, it has been accessed by consumers more than 1 million times. The Commission makes the data from this test available to the public through an open application programming interface (API) on its website. Additionally, this year for the first time the Commission published third-party mobile performance data in its report on the state of competition in the mobile services market. I anticipate that the Commission will detail additional data on mobile performance through the Commission's mobile broadband speed test by acquiring additional data in the marketplace, and potentially by conducting a wireless measurement test similar to the one conducted for fixed broadband by SamKnows. The Commission's FY 2012 budget submission included a line item for such an undertaking.

In the meantime, work continues on other activities in this area, including compiling results of the Public Notice and Request for Information on measuring mobile broadband performance.

I look forward to working with you and other Members of Congress on these issues. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski