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

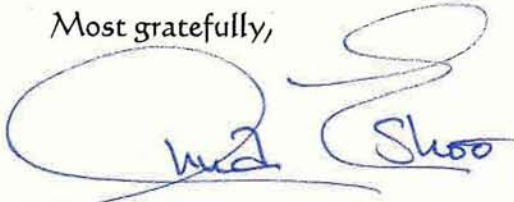
I read with great interest the FCC's recent report on consumer wireline broadband performance in the United States. The results speak to the importance of providing consumers with accurate information about the network performance of Internet service providers, particularly during peak usage periods. I commend the FCC for publishing this data, and I also encourage the Commission to expand the report to include consumer wireless broadband speed, reliability and coverage.

Earlier this year, I introduced H.R. 2281, the *Next Generation Wireless Disclosure Act*, to ensure consumers know exactly what they're getting for their money when they sign up for a wireless broadband plan. As Americans increasingly adopt wireless broadband service and commit to multi-year service contracts, it's essential that the FCC evaluate the performance of these services and make this information readily available to all consumers. By including wireless broadband speed, reliability and coverage in future FCC reports, consumers will be able to make a more informed decision before committing to a service contract.

I applaud the Commission for beginning this process by issuing a Public Notice seeking information on how best to measure wireless broadband performance and coverage, as well as a subsequent "Request for Information." I'm also pleased by the release of the FCC's Mobile Broadband Consumer Test app to enable consumers to test the quality of their wireless broadband connection and determine if they're receiving the advertised speeds. These are important steps, but more must be done.

Greater openness and transparency in the communications market will benefit all consumers. As the FCC moves forward in carrying out its *Data Innovation Initiative*, I eagerly await your findings.

Most gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anna Eshoo", with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

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