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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

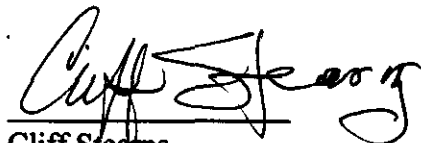
This week the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a mark-up on H.R. 3309 and H.R. 3310, two bills designated to reform the process at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). While we do not agree on all the components embedded in these bills, we both have been long supporters of process at the FCC.

During the mark-up, Mr. Stearns submitted, and Ms. Eshoo accepted, an Amendment that would require the FCC to provide direct access from the homepage of its website to the Commission's annual budget, annual Performance and Accountability Report, annual appropriations, and detailed information regarding the Commission's total number of full time equivalent employees.

We understand that the Commission already makes this information available today but it is difficult to locate. By contrast, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has a "budget and performance" tab right on its homepage. The idea of bringing the FCC in line with other agencies is derived directly from FCC Commissioner Rob McDowell's testimony on FCC process reform and promotes Chairman Genachowski's commitment to greater transparency on the Commission's new website. Although this Amendment was unanimously accepted during the mark-up, we ask that the FCC move forward on this change absent a statutory obligation.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to the Commission's response.

Sincerely,



Cliff Stearns
United States Representative



Anna Eshoo
United States Representative

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn