



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

May 2, 2013

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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
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

Thank you for your letter urging interoperability in the lower 700 MHz band. I value your leadership on these matters. Promoting competition is a fundamental goal of the Commission, and I share your concern about barriers to competition in the mobile marketplace, including a lack of interoperability. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding and considered as part of the Commission's review.

The Commission continues active engagement with interested stakeholders investigating the interoperability challenges in the lower 700 MHz band. Your letter highlights many of the benefits that can result from more harmonized spectrum usage in this band. The Commission received substantial input in response to its *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, and senior staff is carefully reviewing the technical and policy considerations raised in the record. In particular, earlier this year, proponents of interoperability filed detailed information regarding the costs and benefits of requiring interoperability. This information was a valuable supplement to the previous record, and staff has evaluated it, in addition to more recent cost/benefit and technical filings, closely.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski



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The Honorable Doris O. Matsui
U.S. House of Representatives
2434 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Matsui:

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
U.S. House of Representatives
2108 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Markey:

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The Honorable Mike Doyle
U.S. House of Representatives
401 Cannon House Office Building
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