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April 15, 2014

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

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Dear Congresswoman Matsui:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Commission's intention to auction the AWS-3 Band for flexible, commercial use on a shared basis with federal uses. I appreciate your desire for the Commission to adopt a band plan that encourages vigorous auction participation and robust competition.

On March 31, 2014, the Commission unanimously adopted the *AWS-3 Report and Order*. The *Order* adopts allocation, service, licensing, and technical rules for 65 megahertz of spectrum, including 50 megahertz of paired spectrum at 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz. The upcoming auction will expand the workhorse AWS-1 commercial wireless band, which today is available for mobile broadband use. The Commission adopted a band plan that will promote competition by offering licenses comprised of different geographic license areas and block sizes. This band plan will serve the spectrum needs of a variety of applicants, and promote auction participation and robust competition.

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Sincerely,


Tom Wheeler

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Tom Wheeler