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June 30, 2014

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Upton:

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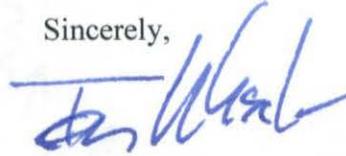
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The Honorable Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
U.S. House of Representatives
217 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Renee Ellmers
U.S. House of Representatives
426 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
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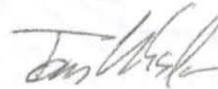
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U.S. House of Representatives
308 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1221 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
133 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
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¹⁴ Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act § 6404 codified at 47 U.S.C. § 309(j)(17)(b).

Designed with the goal of preserving and promoting competition, the Incentive Auction can deliver to consumers—regardless of their zip code—greater choices, improved services, and lower costs.

Thank you again for apprising me of your views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" being more prominent.

Tom Wheeler