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August 11, 2015

The Honorable Gene Green  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2470 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Green:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about whether the Downloadable Security Technical Advisory Committee (DSTAC) is following its original congressionally defined purpose.

As you know, Section 106(d) of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (STELAR) directed the FCC to establish a working group to “identify, report, and recommend performance objectives, technical capabilities, and technical standards of a not unduly burdensome, uniform, and technology- and platform-neutral software-based downloadable security system designed to promote the competitive availability of navigation devices in furtherance of section 629 of the Communications Act of 1934.” I established DSTAC to meet this statutory directive and have asked the Committee to include in its report how to meet the obligations of both section 629 of the Communications Act, as the umbrella statutory mandate, and section 106 of STELAR.

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All DSTAC meetings are public and any non-members can make comments at those public meetings, including the very issue you raise here. This is an open and transparent process, and FCC staff is working to address any concerns as they arise, including issues relating to the scope of the report.

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

Sincerely,

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