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September 7, 2016

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senate  
706 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Blumenthal:

Thank you for your letter sharing your concerns about consumers' safety and privacy as car manufacturers deploy technologies making use of Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC) spectrum.

Systems using DSRC hold great promise. However, as you note, we must work to ensure technologies operating in DSRC spectrum and the future world of interconnected automobiles address the potential risks that these new technologies could create for consumers' privacy and security.

Due to the number of interrelated issues that are implicated by DSRC, the Commission intends to work closely with our partners at the Department of Transportation (DoT), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Commerce and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to address the concerns raised in your letter.

In this regard, the Commission is seeking comment on a petition requesting the adoption of service rules protecting the cybersecurity and privacy of DSRC users and that DSRC spectrum be reserved for vehicle safety use. Comments were due on August 25, 2016, and reply comments are due September 9, 2016. Those comments, coupled with coordinated DoT and NHTSA activities, will inform our actions going forward.

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

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
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