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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman DeFazio:

I appreciate hearing from you concerning the importance of aligning Administration priorities before establishing rules for the 5.9 GHz wireless spectrum and the use of Dedicated Short Term Communications in connected vehicles. We currently are coordinating with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to find the best method to deploy advanced automotive safety systems in the 5.9 GHz band, while working to meet existing and future demands for unlicensed spectrum.

On October 7, 2016, the Commission released a Public Notice (PN) with an updated test plan for this band. The new test plan takes into consideration the comments we received from our June 2016 PN, and also reflects our ongoing coordination with NTIA and DOT. Please be assured that we will continue our cooperative work with our federal partners, and consider all data and stakeholder concerns as we proceed with the testing process.

Because of our commitment to transparency, the PN also listed the prototype devices we received and invited the public to an October 21st Open House at the FCC's laboratory to learn more about this process. The Open House was attended by almost thirty participants, including representatives of the automotive industry, unlicensed wireless stakeholders, and device manufacturers. We have also scheduled onsite observations by interested parties throughout the testing period, and we have invited congressional staff to attend a special program at our laboratory testing facility on December 9, 2016.

Thank you again for reaching out to me concerning your ongoing interest in this matter. I have attached the PN and the testing plan here for your records. If you or your staff are interested in attending the congressional program that we have scheduled, please contact our Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 418-1900. We also are including your correspondence in the record of this proceeding so it can be considered as part of the public record that informs our next steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Wheeler