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The Honorable Ajit V. Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

The Honorable William B. Long
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, SW
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Chairman Pai and Administrator Long:

To better understand how to protect and inform the American people from natural disasters and other imminent threats, we write to you today to request information on participation by U.S. wireless communications service providers in the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) system.

In the aftermath of the false ballistic missile alert sent out across Hawai'i, we received concerns from a number of constituents who did not receive the initial false alert, nor the correction alert issued 38 minutes later.

Given the severity of these concerns, we respectfully request a response to the following questions:

1. Do the Federal Communications Commission and/or the Federal Emergency Management Agency collect data on participation by U.S. wireless communications service providers? If not, why not?
2. Do the Federal Communications Commission and/or the Federal Emergency Management Agency maintain a list of non-participating U.S. wireless communications service providers? If so, please provide us with the list.
3. Do the Federal Communications Commission and/or the Federal Emergency Management Agency collect information on capable service areas that participating U.S. wireless communications service providers do not offer WEA service too? If so, please provide us with this information.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this issue. We ask that you respond to our inquiries by March 30, 2018.

Sincerely,



TULSI GABBARD
Member of Congress



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