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Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner  
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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners:

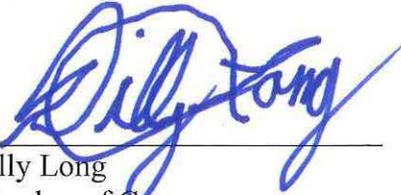
As members of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, we share your agency’s dedication to ensuring the U.S. keeps pace with global efforts to bring transformative 5G networks to fruition. As you continue pursuit of a comprehensive strategy to Facilitate American’s Superiority in 5G Technology (the 5G FAST Plan), we commend the Commission for developing forward-thinking spectrum and infrastructure modernization policies that will enable every region of our country to realize the promise of the 5G future.

Many of us who serve on the Communications Subcommittee were grateful for the expertise, understanding, and experience your agency’s representative brought to bear at our recent hearing on spectrum policy issues. We also wholeheartedly agree with the Commission’s commitment to a balanced approach that provides reasonable protection levels for federal incumbent users without adversely impacting deployment of airwaves critical to delivering next-generation wireless services for our nation’s consumers and businesses of all sizes.

Like each of you, we understand the benefits of a diligent and deliberative review process, but we also appreciate the need for timely decision-making. While we are all keenly aware of the need to unlock spectrum resources across all band categories, we particularly support efforts to make mid-band spectrum available for 5G connectivity. Due to the urgent need to inject more of these frequencies into an all-of-the-above spectrum approach, we write to encourage prompt action on a proceeding to deploy a greenfield buildout of 5G services in the L-band in the very near-term. The proposal has the capacity to free up prime, lower mid-band spectrum between 1 to 2 GHz – frequencies. Because of its potential and since a decision regarding the matter has been years in the making, we support and urge advancement of the proceeding to a final resolution before Labor Day.

As always, we appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to continuing collective efforts to open up more of those frequencies not only to complement the spectrum efforts undertaken in the low and high bands but to also spur the investments necessary to facilitate global leadership in the provision of 5G services.

Sincerely,



Billy Long  
Member of Congress



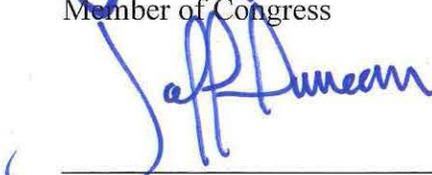
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