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Jessica Rosenworcel  
Chair  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street NE  
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Dear Chair Rosenworcel,

I write to you respectfully requesting that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) carefully consider the impact of changing any current spectrum allocations in the 12 GHz band.

As you know, the open proceeding regarding the 12.2-12.7 GHz band seeks information on whether the FCC should allow for shared terrestrial use with incumbent satellite internet services. I have heard from many of my constituents who rely on satellite broadband services for internet access in the remote communities of my district and wish to relay their concerns about the critical negative impact a disruption in services would have on their livelihoods. Many of them have also submitted comments to the commission. California's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is composed of San Bernardino, Mono, and Inyo Counties, with a majority of its land consisting of either remote desert or rugged mountains with limited access to traditional wireline internet. I therefore encourage you to undertake all prudent due diligence as you study the potential impacts of this proceeding.

Being a computer scientist myself, I know that technology is always changing, and I believe government should not unnecessarily stand in the way of the adoption of new and innovative technologies. However, consistent with FCC authority, any decision you make must ensure that existing services are not disrupted. While I know the FCC has no statutory timeframe with which it is required to act on this matter, I encourage you to make a decision as quickly as possible so that incumbents and potentially interested new users can know how they may need to adjust their operations in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and for your commitment to protecting and expanding broadband access across California and the broader United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Obernolte". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Congressman, 8<sup>th</sup> District of California