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Chair Rosenworcel,

As the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) considers a pending rulemaking (Docket 20-443, "Expanding Flexible Use of the 12.2-12.7 GHz Band"), I respectfully urge the FCC, under your leadership, to rely on the engineering record to ensure that any changes to the 12 GHz band that permit terrestrial use do not harm the existing operations licensed in the band and commit to a timely close of the proceeding.

Companies in the United States have invested billions of dollars in effective non-geostationary (NGSO) satellite systems that already provide high-speed, low-latency broadband to millions of American users. These services also provide critical access globally, including in Ukraine, where this particular satellite internet is proving a vital asset to combat Russian aggression. It is imperative that the FCC carefully contemplate the filings in the record to ensure any potential changes to the 12 GHz band do not disrupt this important, current broadband access.

In addition, the proceeding requires those seeking new spectrum rights to demonstrate non-interference with existing users as a prerequisite to any consideration of new rights within the 12 GHz band. I encourage the FCC to hold the petitioners to this reasonable standard, and to consider the potential effect of terrestrial operations on existing NGSO services. If it is determined that the proposed terrestrial services would cause harmful interference to existing users, I ask that you do not move forward in repurposing the 12 GHz band.

Access to reliable, high-speed broadband is fundamental to my constituents in Florida's rural Second Congressional District. Efficient use of the 12 GHz spectrum band plays a vital role in this effort to connect Americans across the country and individuals throughout the world. As a Member of Congress serving on the U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce as well as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Parliamentary Assembly, I recognize this as a matter of importance to our national security and the security of all the NATO Alliance nations as well. This is especially important considering the related efforts by our global adversaries, such as China and Russia. Please know I remain committed to ensuring continued American leadership in increased connectivity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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