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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Jessica Rosenworcel
Chair
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chair Rosenworcel,

I write today regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) (Docket 20-443 "Expanding Flexible Use of the 12.2-12.7 GHz Band") at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). This proposed action at the FCC is concerning because of the potential, and in fact likely, impacts to consumers. The 12 GHz band is currently being used to provide high-speed internet, satellite television, and many other modern services to American households. Before the FCC moves forward with any repurposing of the 12 GHz band, I respectfully ask for careful consideration of the serious repercussions that would result, as well as the harm that would come to families in Texas and across the United States.

The COVID-19 pandemic moved many aspects of American life online, including schooling, healthcare, business, and even day to day interactions with friends and family. Early in the pandemic, it became clear that the availability of high-speed internet was an absolutely essential service. Next-generation satellite technology proved to be a rapidly deployable solution for hard-to-reach areas of the country, including many parts of Texas. For instance, dozens of households in Ector County, Texas, were connected through a project to help students who didn't have access to high-speed internet. Many more could benefit in the future from these types of projects, especially in remote parts of Texas and the United States.

Given this track record of success, and the promise that new technologies like satellite internet hold, I ask that the FCC keep this option available for current and future consumers who could benefit from these new and emerging technologies. These benefits will not be realized if the FCC gives away new high-powered rights within the band. Thank you for your understanding and attention on this important issue, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Jake Ellzey
Member of Congress