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Jessica Rosenworcel
Chair
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chair Rosenworcel:

Thank you for your leadership in working to expand broadband access to millions of Americans. I write today on behalf of my constituents who have expressed concerns with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, "Expanding Flexible Use of the 12.2-12.7 GHz Band."¹ In short, thousands of Washingtonians depend on access to non-geostationary orbit (NGSO) satellite services to work and live. Any slowdown or interruption of these critical digital communication systems would have a negative and disruptive impact on my constituents.

As you know, next-generation satellite broadband allows for service in areas where traditional terrestrial options may be unavailable or unreliable, or where terrestrial broadband build-ins are in progress and not yet usable. In my district and state, this is often the case in rural areas and Tribal lands.

It is my understanding that part of the determination of whether to expand the 12.2-12.7 GHz Band depends on if expansion can be done without harmful interference to existing services. I urge the Federal Communications Commission to focus on the data regarding interference, and judiciously consider the need for uninterrupted consumer access.

Thank you for your continued work to close the digital divide and for considering this request. I look forward to working together to ensure broadband access for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Schrier".

Kim Schrier, M.D.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

¹Docket/RM: 20-443, 17-183, RM-11768; located: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-seeks-comment-maximizing-efficient-use-12-ghz-band>