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April 28, 2025

The Honorable Doris Matsui
U.S. House of Representatives
2206 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: March 26, 2025 Letter to FCC

Dear Representative Matsui,

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The Honorable Daniel Goldman
U.S. House of Representatives
245 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mark Amodei
U.S. House of Representatives
104 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: March 26, 2025 Letter to FCC

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The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke
U.S. House of Representatives
2058 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver
U.S. House of Representatives
2217 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable André Carson
U.S. House of Representatives
2135 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Dina Titus
U.S. House of Representatives
2370 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1404 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Debbie Dingell
U.S. House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jan Schakowsky
U.S. House of Representatives
2408 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
U.S. House of Representatives
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Judy Chu
U.S. House of Representatives
2423 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Sarah McBride
U.S. House of Representatives
1306 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Gwen Moore
U.S. House of Representatives
2252 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Paul Tonko
U.S. House of Representatives
2269 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Diana DeGette
U.S. House of Representatives
2111 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Adam Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
2264 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Linda T. Sánchez
U.S. House of Representatives
2309 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Pramila Jayapal
U.S. House of Representatives
2346 Rayburn House Office Building
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