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The Honorable Anna Eshoo
United States House of Representatives
205 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representative Eshoo:

On behalf of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), I am writing to commend you for the introduction of H.R. 2428, the "Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2009," and to offer strong support for this much needed legislation.

This straight forward, commonsensical legislation requires the installation of broadband conduit infrastructure in any covered highway construction project so that future broadband deployment efforts will not require the digging up of newly constructed roadways. As representatives of the manufacturing sector, we appreciate your efforts to simplify the deployment and construction of new broadband networks.

As you know, TIA represents the global information and communications technology (ICT) industry through standards development, advocacy, tradeshow, business opportunities, market intelligence and world-wide environmental regulatory analysis. For over 80 years, TIA has enhanced the business environment for broadband, mobile wireless, information technology, networks, cable, satellite and unified communications. Members' products and services empower communications in every industry and market, including healthcare, education, security, public safety, transportation, government, the military, the environment and entertainment.

Our industry has long appreciated your leadership to encourage broadband deployment over the years, and the introduction of this legislation continues that legacy. TIA looks forward to working with you on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant E. Seiffert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Grant Seiffert
President