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The Honorable John Dingell
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The Honorable Fred Upton
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Dear Chairman Dingell, Ranking Member Barton, Subcommittee Chairman Markey & Ranking Member Upton:

On behalf of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), I write to applaud today's action by the Energy and Commerce Committee in reporting out H.R. 3919, the "Broadband Census of America Act of 2007" with the substitute amendment.

We commend your work over the past several weeks to bring about the bipartisan bill that was considered by the Committee today and believe that the H.R. 3919 will not only allow for the collection and dissemination of information about our nation's broadband infrastructure but also provide consumers with an opportunity to be better aware of their choices.

As you know, TIA is a leading trade association for the information and communications technology industry, with 600 member companies that manufacture or supply the products and services used in global communications. The demand for broadband and high-speed services has grown exponentially as carriers invest in new fiber, new IP technology and new wireless infrastructure to provide state-of-the-art voice, video and data services. Highly advanced and secure communications services should be available to all Americans.

TIA has long-supported the collection of granular data on broadband availability, adoption, and transmission speeds and this bill will help advance this effort. Ubiquitous deployment of next-generation broadband networks impacts the productivity of our industries and our economy, and pivotally affects public safety, education, health care, and countless other functions in our daily lives. Such capability will equip every person with the tools necessary to compete in the 21st century, making them far more productive, increasing their standard of living, and enhancing economic and physical security.

We commend your leadership and efforts and we look forward to working with you to ensure the bill's final passage.

Sincerely,

Grant Seiffert
President