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Dear Representatives:

On behalf of The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) and its 600 member companies, I would like to express gratitude for your introduction of "American Broadband for Communities Act," which would allow for the use of broadcast television spectrum in the band between 54 and 698 MHz, other than 608 through 614 MHz, by unlicensed devices, including wireless broadband services. We strongly support this bill and look forward to working with you to ensure the ubiquitous availability of advanced wireless services.

Among their numerous lines of business, TIA member companies design, produce and deploy terrestrial and satellite wireless network and terminal equipment. As a result, TIA has a substantial interest in current and future spectrum management decisions and activities related to the development of wireless broadband services and the use of the television broadcast spectrum.

In addition to efforts led by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), TIA believes that legislative proposals would provide for more efficient and effective use of the television broadcast spectrum. This bill would also provide significant benefits for the public by increasing competition in the wireless broadband industry and providing incentives for the development of new and innovative broadband devices and services for businesses and consumers. Finally, this initiative provides another opportunity to address the digital divide across rural America.

We applaud the efforts of Congress and greatly appreciate introduction of this legislation that will allow for the emergence of innovative products and services, improve wireless communications, and stimulate jobs and the U.S. economy. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (703) 907-7701.

Sincerely,



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President



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