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Cisco Statement on the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011

On February 16, 2012, House and Senate conferees recommended action on the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act, which includes significant spectrum policy reform. The following quote on spectrum legislation can be attributed to Mary Brown, Director, Cisco Government Affairs:

"Kudos to committee leadership in both House and Senate, and to policymakers on both sides of the aisle, for uniting around ground-breaking spectrum reform. Voluntary incentive auctions are a brand new and much needed tool for re-purposing spectrum to maximize its utility for advanced technology uses. Congressional action comes not a minute too soon. US mobile traffic grew 172% in 2011 and growth is increasing exponentially as consumers adopt ever more powerful devices."

"Cisco is very pleased that Congress has asked the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate whether additional shared spectrum could be made available for Wi-Fi technologies at 5 GHz. Wi-Fi is shouldering increasing responsibility for delivering traffic. In addition to the huge role Wi-Fi plays at the edge of fixed networks, offloading of mobile traffic to Wi-Fi networks is increasing. By 2016, 22% of global mobile traffic will be offloaded to Wi-Fi at the edge. "