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July 10, 2012

The Honorable Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Communications and Information
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Throughout the 112th Congress, the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology has focused on freeing more spectrum, most notably in the bipartisan spectrum provisions of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. Making additional spectrum available for commercial use will help meet the growing demand for mobile broadband services, fuel the investment that has made the United States the world leader in wireless innovation, and create jobs.

The U.S. government is the single largest spectrum user in the country. Finding more efficient ways for the government to use this valuable public asset without compromising critical objectives would not only produce dividends for government agencies, but also inject additional resources into the private sector to spur our economy. To that end, the Subcommittee has organized a bipartisan working group to take a closer look at government spectrum use.

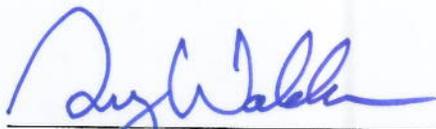
We therefore ask that you please provide in writing the following information necessary for our examination.

1. The number of spectrum authorizations each Federal user held in 2011, including the activities, capabilities, functions, or missions supported by the authorizations and whether they are space-based, air-based, or ground-based, broken down in frequency ranges from 300 MHz to 3GHz, 1755 MHz to 1850 MHz, and 1755 MHz to 1780 MHz.
2. The amount of spectrum assigned to each Federal user, broken down in frequency ranges from 300 MHz to 3GHz, 1755 MHz to 1850 MHz, and 1755 MHz to 1780 MHz. In your answer, please explain in detail any adjustments you make to account for the temporal and shared nature of some government spectrum use.

In the event that you determine that any of the information requested is classified or otherwise sensitive to national security, the working group asks that you provide a classified appendix for review by Members and staff with sufficient clearance.

We look forward to your responses. Please contact in advance Neil Fried, Roger Sherman, David Redl and David Grossman on the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927 to discuss the content, format, and timing of your response.

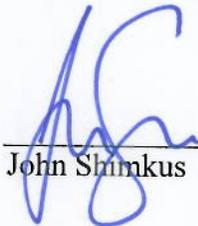
Sincerely,



Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and
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Anna Eshoo
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Communications and
Technology



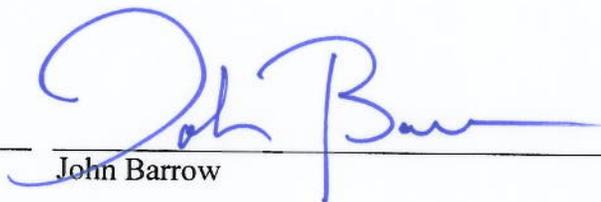
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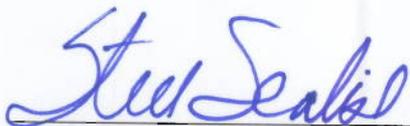
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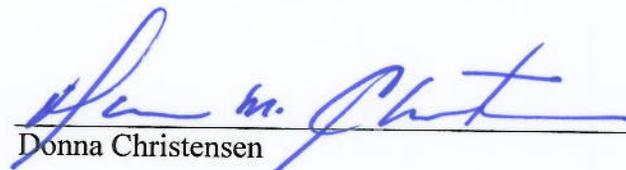
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