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FCC Mailroom

Federal Communications Commission **DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL**
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through
Incentive Auctions, and related issues (GN Docket No. 12-268; ET Docket No.
14-165; MB Docket No. 15-146; ET Docket No. 16-56)

To Whom it May Concern:

Wisconsin Independent Businesses (WIB) is one of Wisconsin's largest small business advocacy organizations.

While our lobbying activities primarily focus on the legislative and regulatory activities of state government, we must, from time to time, provide our members with a voice in federal policy-making. It is for that reason I write to you today.

Reliable, affordable high-speed Internet service is readily available and accessible for small employers operating in urban and suburban communities. That's not necessarily the case for many small businesses located in rural Wisconsin. We view TV White Space technology as a viable option to close this "digital divide."

Through previous orders, the FCC has facilitated the introduction and development of this emerging technology. Commercial deployment of TV White Space technology for the delivery of broadband service requires further action by the FCC.

On behalf of our 4,000 members, I write to respectfully request that the FCC make sufficient spectrum below 700 MHz available for wireless use on an unlicensed basis in every market in Wisconsin, with additional TV white spaces in rural areas.

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The Internet is an important tool of commerce and communication. All Wisconsin small employers, regardless of where they are located, should have access to the Internet at speeds which allow them to functionally operate. It is within your authority to make this a reality.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Dake". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and a distinct "D".

Brian Dake

Legislative Director

Wisconsin Independent Businesses