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House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

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February 19, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hereby requests your testimony at a hearing on **Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.** in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The hearing will examine the relationship between the Federal Communications Commission and the executive branch, specifically the role of the Executive Office of the President in Commission policy and rulemaking. You should be prepared to provide a five-minute opening statement and answer questions posed by Members.

The enclosed Witness Instruction Sheet provides information for witnesses appearing before the Committee. In particular, please note the procedures for submitting written testimony at least two business days prior to the hearing. If you have questions, please contact Henry Kerner of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz
Chairman



Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member

Enclosure

Witness Instruction Sheet
Governmental Witnesses

1. Witnesses should provide 70 copies of their written testimony to Sharon Casey, Deputy Chief Clerk, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing. Witnesses should also provide their statement by this date in electronic format, either as a CD or via e-mail to Sharon.Casey@mail.house.gov.
2. Please do not send copies by U.S. Mail, UPS, Federal Express, or other shippers. Such packages are processed through an offsite security facility and will arrive 7-10 days late.
3. Witnesses should also provide a short biographical summary and include it with their written statement. The biographical summary should be attached to all 70 copies of the testimony and included with the electronic copy of the testimony provided to the Clerk.
4. At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes or less in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions. Written testimony will be entered into the hearing record and may extend to any reasonable length.
5. Written testimony will be made publicly available and will be posted on the Committee's website.
6. The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances, however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
7. Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
8. Committee Rules governing this hearing are online at www.oversight.house.gov.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5074.



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The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
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Dear Chairman Chaffetz and Ranking Member Cummings:

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Sincerely,

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