

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 18, 2009

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

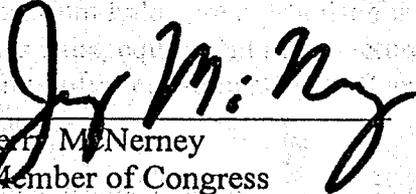
The United States is the world's leader in innovation, and the Federal Communications Commission has played an instrumental role supporting technological advances. As we look forward to the development of the fourth generation of our wireless system, we encourage you to continue aggressively working to expand wireless coverage by increasing spectrum availability.

In particular, licensees of the 2.3GHz band of the Wireless Communications Service (WCS) spectrum are unable to develop compliant technology until final technical rules are adopted. WCS spectrum holds great promise for deployment of advanced mobile services. However, until final rules exist, equipment manufacturers and wireless network operators cannot utilize this spectrum to offer consumers cost-effective wireless mobile broadband services, especially in rural areas.

Mobile data usage continues to soar with the advent of streaming video, sophisticated handheld mobile devices, and other new technologies, and spectrum is at a premium. We recognize that the Commission faces a backlog of inherited issues and is pursuing an aggressive agenda. However, rules for the 2.3GHz WCS spectrum have been drafted, and we urge the Commission to quickly evaluate the interference tests conducted earlier this year and to finalize these rules as soon as possible so that this band of spectrum can be utilized. These rules should allow wireless development to proceed while also affording protection to satellite radio transmitters operating in the adjacent spectrum band.

The Commission has the ability to encourage mobile broadband deployments with spectrum that is ready today, and we hope for complete rules in the near future. Please inform us of when the Commission intends to make a decision.

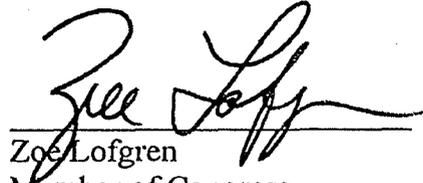
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Jeff McInerney
Member of Congress

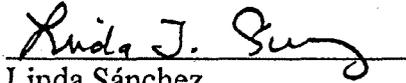

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Michael Honda
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Cc: Commissioners Meredith Baker, Mignon Clyburn, Michael Copps, Robert McDowell

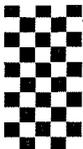


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FAX MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 12/18/09

FROM:

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MESSAGE:

Please make the attached letter available to the FCC Commissioners. Thank you! ~Shilpa

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March 3, 2010

The Honorable Lois Capps
U.S. House of Representatives
1110 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Capps:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Wireless Communications Service (WCS) proceeding currently pending before the Commission. I share your view about the benefits that wireless broadband service will bring to the public, and your desire to resolve this proceeding quickly.

The Commission is actively engaged in addressing interference issues that might exist between WCS and the Satellite Digital Audio Radio Service (SDARS). Although service rules for both were issued when the services were established in 1997, the general service rules adopted for SDARS did not address operation of SDARS repeaters. A principal challenge has been the difficulty of resolving interference issues between SDARS repeaters and WCS operations located in adjacent frequency bands in a way that will permit the two services to co-exist.

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