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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4006

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


Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As a Member of Congress who represents a rural district that depends on increased investment in mobile wireless broadband services, I urge the Commission to move expeditiously in adopting the final rules governing the Wireless Communications Service (WCS) spectrum.

I commend the Administration and the FCC for making broadband access to all American households a priority. While the Commission's February report to Congress on broadband will be helpful toward that goal, it is my hope the Commission does not delay ongoing rulemakings that could immediately free up spectrum. I am particularly concerned with the WCS rulemaking, which would make near-term wireless broadband deployment possible in the 2.3 GHz band.

The 2.3 GHz WCS spectrum has been mostly fallow for over a decade, in large part because final technical rules have not been adopted. Until final rules exist, equipment manufacturers and wireless network operators cannot offer consumers cost-effective mobile wireless broadband services. In rural areas, where the need for these services is particularly acute, it is critical that we make 30 MHz of spectrum available without further delay. It is my understanding the technical rules for the WCS spectrum were drafted at the Commission almost a year ago and are still awaiting Commission approval.

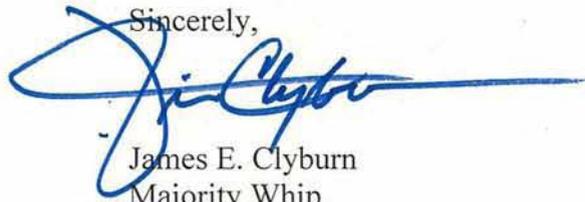
In addition to the anti-consumer effects of further delay, the companies who hold the licenses now face summer 2010 FCC build-out requirements, making continued postponement of the resolution of the rules even more problematic.

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On behalf of my constituents, I urge the Commission to make mobile broadband deployment in rural America a priority and to address this issue as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dave Grimaldi on my staff.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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James E. Clyburn
Majority Whip

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

March 3, 2010

The Honorable James E. Clyburn
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Dear Congressman Clyburn:

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.

My goals are to resolve the WCS/SDARS proceeding as expeditiously as possible in order to determine the appropriate balance of technical parameters that will enable WCS licensees to offer new mobile services to the public while preserving high quality SDARS service. We will place your letter in the record to consider as part of our deliberations.

I appreciate your interest in this very important matter. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski