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

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Colorado is extremely proud to be an American innovation hub. For decades, major telecommunications and new-media companies have made Colorado their home. It is a priority of our administration to ensure that Colorado continues to be recognized as a nucleus of technological advancement.

Expanding wireless broadband access is an integral part of creating a growth economy in the Colorado technology sector. Colorado welcomes action by the Federal Communications Commission that would speed the introduction of new, sophisticated wireless broadband service providers into the market. You recently permitted a dynamic Colorado-based telecommunications company, DISH Network, to acquire 40 MHz of mobile satellite "S-Band" spectrum that was previously held by two bankrupt satellite companies, DBSD and TerreStar. We commend the Commission for approving the DISH transactions, as well as for unanimously adopting a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to better facilitate the use of that spectrum for terrestrial wireless broadband.

By allowing DISH to build a new wireless broadband business, particularly given the company's track record of bringing advanced communications platforms to rural and urban households alike, the Commission will promote investment, competition and job creation—the hallmarks of innovation. But technology moves quickly. Every day without regulatory certainty for the use of S-Band spectrum means that the opportunity could be lost for a new service provider to launch the nation's first ever 100% 4G LTE network.

Time is of the essence, and we urge the FCC to complete the S-Band rulemaking with all deliberate speed.

Sincerely,

John Hickenlooper

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