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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C., 20554

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Re: WT Docket No. 10-4

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continues its consideration of regulatory standards for wireless signal enhancing devices ("signal boosters"), I reiterate my support for a rule that lays out strong technical standards without unnecessarily inhibiting the use of high-quality signal boosters.

I believe signal boosters are imperative in providing for public safety in many rural areas in Utah and across the nation. Last August, signal boosters were essential to a major drug bust in Southern Utah. The operation took place in a rural county where signal boosters allowed law enforcement officials from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Utah Narcotics Task Force, and county police to maintain communications during the drug bust. Also vital, signal boosters aid life-saving emergency assistance in rural areas with unreliable or unavailable wireless service.

The FCC's final regulations should set technical standards that prohibit low-quality devices that interfere with wireless networks. However, manufacturers, such as Utah-based Wilson Electronics, Inc., provide signal boosters that promote public safety, give consumers access to improved wireless service, and encourage manufacturer innovation. I urge the FCC to adopt standards that do not needlessly restrict such devices. Setting appropriate technology standards balances the needs of wireless service providers with the need for affordable and reliable signal boosters.

I appreciate your attention to these concerns and your efforts in developing appropriate signal booster regulations.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch  
United State Senator



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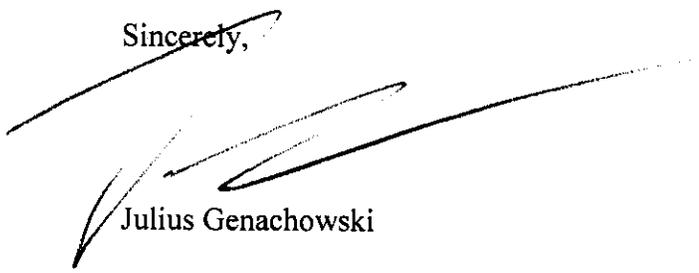
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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
United States Senate  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

Thank you for your letter expressing support for wireless signal boosters. I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention and have directed the Chief of our Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to respond. I am pleased to provide the enclosed correspondence discussing the status of the proceeding. If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski



Federal Communications Commission  
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February 12, 2013

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
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Dear Senator Hatch:

At Chairman Genachowski's request, I am responding to your May 25, 2012 letter regarding the Commission's pending rulemaking proceeding for wireless signal boosters in WT Docket No. 10-4, and your support for rules that will protect wireless networks while allowing consumers and public safety entities to have access to high-quality signal boosters.

The Commission appreciates the value of signal boosters for extending wireless coverage for both consumers and public safety entities, particularly in rural areas. The Commission also recognizes that manufacturers must design these devices with safeguards to protect wireless networks from interference. In the context of our current rulemaking proceeding, we have worked with wireless providers, booster manufacturers such as Wilson Electronics, Inc., and public safety entities to develop technical standards for signal boosters that will give consumers and public safety entities better access to high-quality devices that do not interfere with wireless networks.

We appreciate your interest in this very important matter and will include your letter in the record of the proceeding. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruth Milkman".

Ruth Milkman, Chief  
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau