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The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman  
House Energy and Commerce Committee  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Greg Walden  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology  
House Energy and Commerce Committee  
2182 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Upton and Chairman Walden:

The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) respectfully submits these initial recommendations on updating communications law to maximize opportunities in the broadband ecosystem for minority consumers, entrepreneurs, and business owners.<sup>1</sup>

- Consider ways to structure the Act to prioritize increasing opportunities for MWBE ownership and participation.
- Encourage innovation, experimentation and investment to facilitate first-class digital citizenship for people of color.
- Protect universal service provisions as a means to correct market failures and guarantee access and opportunities for unserved and underserved individuals, schools and libraries, and communities.

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<sup>1</sup> MMTC respectfully requests consideration of these recommendations despite the delay in filing.

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- Clarify laws that impact development of broadband infrastructure to ensure economic development and consumer access in underserved communities.

We are encouraged by your leadership in revisiting the Act, and we look forward to working closely with Members of Congress to ensure that our telecommunications laws are designed to address to the technological, cultural, and economic challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Sincerely,

*David Honig*

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President

Attachment