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The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel  
Chairwoman  
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The Honorable Alan Davidson  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information  
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Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel and Assistant Secretary Davidson,

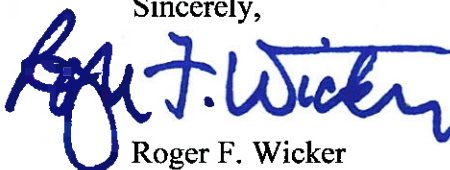
Access to spectrum for wireless networks has become a critical component of the United States' global leadership in technology and innovation. However, spectrum is a limited resource that must be used efficiently and effectively to ensure there is an adequate amount available for both federal and non-federal users. With your recent confirmations by the Senate, it is now time to take steps toward improving the cooperation and collaboration between your agencies that is essential to spectrum management and the future of U.S. spectrum policy.

In light of recent disputes over spectrum allocations, it is more important than ever that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) work together to promote spectrum policy that best serves the dual goals of furthering commercial innovation and enabling the mission-critical operations of federal agencies. NTIA's statutory role as the voice of the federal agencies regarding spectrum in proceedings at the FCC requires that the Administrator work closely with the experts at impacted agencies to develop and communicate a cohesive executive branch policy position. In addition, as directed by Congress, the FCC must account for the views of various stakeholders, including NTIA's representation of federal agencies, when formulating service rules for spectrum frequencies.

This relationship can be strengthened through an update of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the FCC and NTIA, which details the roles and responsibilities of each agency. This MOU has not been updated since 2003 and does not appropriately account for the dramatic changes in technology in the past 20 years. Last year, I introduced bipartisan legislation, the Improving Spectrum Coordination Act of 2021, which would require the agencies periodically to

update the MOU and clearly outline procedures for addressing technical, procedural, and policy questions. Although this legislation has not yet been signed into law, I urge both of you to work together to accomplish the objectives it lays out, resulting in a more predictable and certain spectrum policy environment for all users, federal and non-federal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Roger F. Wicker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Roger F. Wicker