

# SPECTRUM AND NATIONAL SECURITY ACT

## 1. *Improves Federal Spectrum Management and Coordination*

- Restores fairness in the interagency spectrum management process, per the Presidential Memorandum on interagency spectrum management process.
  - This includes a robust dispute resolution process through the National Security Council where senior agency members, such as the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have a seat at the table to offer input.

## 2. *Reauthorizes the FCC's Auction Authority*

- Extends the FCC's general authority to auction spectrum for 5 years (*i.e.*, September 30, 2029).
  - This would allow for forward-thinking spectrum policy that responds to the anticipated technological advancements in this field, including innovations to better share spectrum with incumbent users.

## 3. *Invests in Spectrum Innovation*

- Requires NTIA, in coordination with other agencies, to establish national testbeds for dynamic spectrum sharing.
- Sets aside spectrum revenues to fund R&D for dynamic spectrum sharing and other technologies.
- Requires OSTP to develop a National Spectrum Research and Development Plan.
- Requires NTIA to implement a framework for public-private sector spectrum coordination.
- Requires NTIA to develop or update a National Spectrum Workforce Plan.

## 4. *Creates a Sustainable Spectrum Pipeline*

- Directs the NTIA and co-leading agencies to conduct feasibility assessments within a 2-year period on:
  - The 7 and 8 GHz bands to determine whether more Federal spectrum can be made available for non-Federal use, for shared or exclusive use; and
  - The 37 GHz band for shared Federal and non-Federal use.
- Requires the FCC to auction the upper 12 GHz band in 3 years.

## 5. *Directs Auction Revenues to Fund Bipartisan Priorities*

- Funds important bipartisan priorities, including Rip and Replace, Next Generation 911, and short-term funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program as we work on long-term broadband affordability solutions.
- Also provides funding for tech hubs and other CHIPS and Science programs, R&D for spectrum technologies, a grant program to prepare minority students to participate in the telecommunications and spectrum workforce, and establishes a pilot program providing grants to nonprofits to work with minority serving institutions to prepare for broadband infrastructure and digital equity programs.