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Dear Representative,

We write to you in support of the FCC's proposed ruling to open the empty broadcast television channels ("white spaces") for public use. On November 4, the Commission has the opportunity to take a major step toward expanding affordable broadband access, especially to working class and rural Americans. Opening white spaces for unlicensed access will trigger major investment, innovation, and public benefit across the country.

Few agency decisions carry the potential to help millions of people. As groups of diverse interests, we believe the FCC's proposed rule would be a huge win for the American public -- expanding broadband coverage into regions that need it most, lowering prices for consumers, and triggering lots of new innovation at a time when jobs and investment are under heavy downward pressure. Moreover, the United States has fallen behind many other developed countries in providing fast, accessible broadband at prices that most people can afford.

Opening access to white spaces, while not a panacea for America's myriad broadband concerns, is a major step in the right direction. This decision should not be delayed.

Unfortunately, the immense underlying value of opening white spaces has been obfuscated by politics. It shouldn't be. The proceeding has been open to the public since 2004 and the record is replete with comments and filings from all parties over the years that have informed the FCC's conclusions. There is simply no reason for further delay.

We respect the due diligence of the FCC -- including laboratory and field testing on white spaces prototype devices with the engineers from all parties present and observing. Good science should now spur good public policy and a strong public interest outcome.

The process has run its course. We urge the FCC to vote on November 4 to open white spaces for everyone.

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