



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

October 31, 2013

Mignon L. Clyburn
Acting Chairwoman

The Honorable John D. Dingell
U.S. House of Representatives
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Dingell:

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The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

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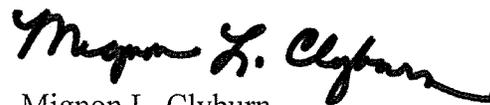
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Doris O. Matsui
U.S. House of Representatives
2434 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congresswoman Matsui:

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