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**JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWING BIENNIAL PLANNING SPECTRUM MEETING  
BETWEEN FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
OF COMMERCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION AND NTIA  
ADMINISTRATOR LAWRENCE E. STRICKLING**

WASHINGTON, October 9, 2015 –

“The Assistant Secretary and the Chairman met and discussed a range of issues including the FCC and NTIA’s progress in meeting President Obama’s goal of making 500 megahertz of additional spectrum available for wireless broadband by 2020. They noted that they are nearly half way to meeting the President’s target and agreed that identifying the remaining parts of 500 megahertz before the end of the Administration remains a high priority. In addition, they also affirmed their commitment to pursue expanded spectrum sharing between federal and nonfederal users to help reach and exceed this goal and, more broadly, to open up spectrum access opportunities for all users.”

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