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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

September 13, 2016

The Honorable Marco Rubio
United States Senate
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Rubio:

I appreciate hearing from you again concerning the importance of maximizing spectrum use in the 5.9 GHz spectrum band. I share your interest in promoting efficient use of the 5.9 GHz band. An important part of this process is our collaborative work with our federal partners, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT), to find the best method to deploy advanced automotive safety systems in this band, while working to meet existing and future demands for unlicensed spectrum.

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United States Senate
359 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Darrell Issa
U.S. House of Representatives
2269 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Doris Matsui
U.S. House of Representatives
2311 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Matsui:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2448 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Anna Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
241 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

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