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The Honorable John F. Kerry  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology,  
and the Internet  
Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation  
United States Senate  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Kerry:

Thank you for your letter concerning the importance of prioritizing action in the Commission's TV white spaces proceeding. I certainly agree that TV white spaces represent an important opportunity to inspire a new wave of wireless innovation and have the potential to increase consumer access to information resources. I remain committed to the completion of this proceeding in the near term.

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I always appreciate your leadership and insight on telecommunications policies, and I look forward to working with you and other members of the Senate as we move ahead with the implementation of the National Broadband Plan.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski