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Dear Under Secretary Helberg, Administrator Roth, and Chairman Carr:

As members with a strong interest in U.S. technological leadership and international spectrum policy, we write to request a written update from your agencies regarding U.S. preparations for the upcoming World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC-27) and the United States' strategy for advancing spectrum approaches that support innovation, connectivity, and long-term U.S. competitiveness — including continued global access to the 6 GHz band for Wi-Fi and other unlicensed uses. We recognize that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) have briefed the Energy & Commerce Committee on the status of preparations, and we welcome the early engagement. Given the stakes of this WRC cycle, we believe continued transparency and coordination will be essential to sustaining U.S. leadership.

The United States has long been a global leader in spectrum innovation, and continued leadership requires a coordinated national approach across the full range of spectrum uses — licensed, unlicensed, and shared. The decisions made in the WRC-27 cycle will shape the international environment for next-generation technologies, including 6G, satellite systems, and advanced Wi-Fi. As other nations, including the People's Republic of China, work to influence global allocations and technical rules, it is essential that the United States enter this cycle with unified positions, strong interagency coordination, and a clear strategy for engaging allies and partners. This includes continued support for unlicensed innovation in the 6 GHz band as well as thoughtful planning around additional spectrum needs for licensed mobile services and other critical applications.

As you know, Wi-Fi is a critical U.S.-led wireless technology. Wi-Fi carries a substantial share of Americans' everyday internet usage, including almost 90 percent of smartphone data usage depending on the operator. The Wi-Fi services that consumers rely on depend on adequate unlicensed spectrum capacity, particularly in the 6 GHz band, to keep up with demand and

enable next-generation technologies. This approach is increasingly harmonized across major global markets, where many administrations have prioritized Wi-Fi across the 6 GHz band and opened the band for commercial mobile (IMT) services. It should be, as a result, no surprise that there remain sustained international efforts, led by the People's Republic of China (PRC) and aligned stakeholders, allies and non-allied countries, to advance exclusive licensed approaches in the upper 6 GHz band. These efforts are aimed at undermining global momentum for unlicensed use and U.S. leadership in the broader connectivity ecosystem. Given the importance of regional alignment in the WRC process, U.S. efforts to lead coalition-building with countries across the Americas and beyond will be key to preserving momentum for unlicensed access to the band.

This WRC cycle is particularly consequential because WRC-27 is scheduled to be hosted in Shanghai, China. We are particularly concerned about the PRC's tactics to expand or normalize licensed (IMT) use in the 6 GHz band, and we expect the PRC to seek revisions to the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 resolutions that would undermine continued international support for unlicensed use of the 6 GHz band.

We also want to recognize the steady and principled leadership of Doreen Bogdan-Martin in her role as Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union. Her tenure has strengthened global cooperation on spectrum policy, advanced transparency within the ITU, and reinforced the importance of open, interoperable, and secure communications networks. As the international community heads into the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference—where countries will set the ITU's priorities and elect its leadership—and then prepares for WRC-27, continuity in her leadership would provide stability and support the United States' long-standing objectives in the global telecommunications arena.

Given the importance of this WRC cycle, we request that your agencies provide a written update addressing the United States' interagency strategy and current status of preparations. Please include:

(1) U.S. leadership, coordination, and resourcing for the WRC-27 cycle

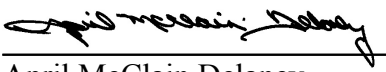
Please describe how the interagency process is being led and coordinated at senior levels; how your agencies are aligning responsibilities; and what resources, staffing, and planning structures are in place to sustain engagement through the preparatory cycle and at WRC-27 itself. Please provide an update on the selection process for a WRC-27 Ambassador and which office or official will be leading the interagency work before that selection is made.

(2) U.S. international engagement plan to preserve global 6 GHz outcomes for Wi-Fi and other unlicensed uses

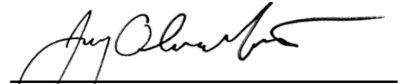
Summarize the current U.S. approach to building and sustaining a coalition of like-minded nations to advance U.S. positions related to the 6 GHz band. In particular, please provide specifics about the Administration's plans to ensure that countries within the U.S. hemisphere align with U.S. policy, including Mexico and Brazil, both of whom have previously taken some degree of alignment with the PRC on issues related to the 6 GHz band.

Please provide this written update to our offices no later than August 22, 2026, and include any supporting materials you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



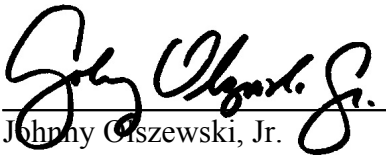
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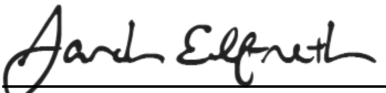
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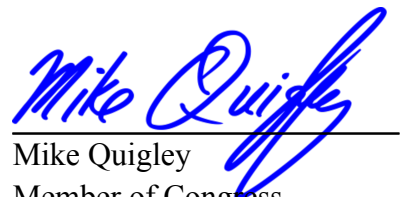
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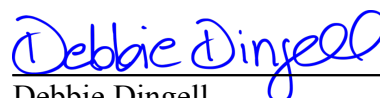
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