Committee on Energy and Commerce

Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery of The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke

Markup of Five Bills

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Mr. Chairman, thank you for bringing up this slate of bills for discussion today.

I would like to express my support for HR 3630, the Spectrum Innovation Act of 2022, because it is more important than ever to expand broadband availability across the country and greater access to critical mid-brand spectrum will enable the deployment of next generation telecommunication networks that can help us get closer to closing the digital divide.

Further, it is imperative to free up mid-band spectrum in order to facilitate the development of next-generation communication technologies, which will in turn create more jobs and opportunities for economic growth.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and I yield back.