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Mr. Gary Epstein
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Dear Mr. Epstein:

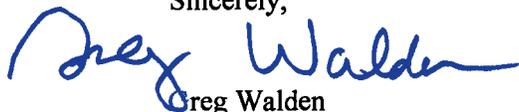
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "Oversight of Incentive Auction Implementation."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on September 19, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at Charlotte.Savercool@mail.house.gov and mailed to Charlotte Savercool, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

cc: Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Attachment

The Honorable Greg Walden

1. Will the auction design automatically yields higher prices for stations with significant repacking/clearing impact and lower prices for stations with less significant repacking/clearing impact?, If so, would that obviate the need for FCC "scoring"? What is the significance of artificial measurements, such as population served, when it comes to spectrum that will be resold in blocks without regard to these factors?

The Honorable Renee Ellmers

1. While I was serving on the conference committee that used this spectrum auction to pay for parts of deficit reduction, I remember there were different opinions about how much we might actually raise. While the Spectrum Act anticipates that this auction will derive about \$27.95 billion with about \$20.4 billion attached to deficit reduction, I am still wondering how much we think we will actually be able to raise. Do you think this estimate is on the mark? As you are working on the rules to design the auction, what factors are you considering to be the most important? Are you focusing on maximizing revenue or something else?