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Dear Ms. Ham:

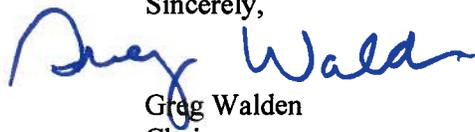
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "Oversight of Incentive Auction Implementation."

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 Anna Eshoo

1. In your testimony, you indicated that the two largest carriers received about half of their “beachfront” spectrum below 1 GHz for free from the government in the early 1980s when cellular licenses were handed out to the local telephone companies. AT&T disputed this statement at the hearing. Can you explain what you meant?

2. You testified that “beachfront” spectrum below 1 GHz is uniquely valuable, but AT&T argued that you were overstating the importance of this spectrum – that capacity, not coverage, is what is important. Can you explain the significance of spectrum below 1 GHz, even in urban areas where coverage may not be as much of an issue as in rural areas?

3. In your testimony, you stated that Congress and the FCC have long recognized the importance of reasonable spectrum aggregation limits. In support of this statement, you referred to the auction statute of 1993 and the spectrum cap that the FCC imposed in the PCS auction shortly thereafter. Doesn't the Public Safety and Spectrum Act from last year preserve the FCC's authority to take similar actions with respect to the incentive auction?