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The Honorable Mike O'Rielly
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner O'Rielly:

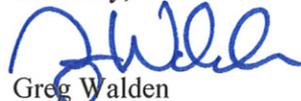
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on April 30, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "FCC Reauthorization: Improving Commission Transparency."

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 and requests with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Monday, June 15, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Charlotte Savercool, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Charlotte.Savercool@mail.house.gov.

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

Attachments

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn

1. On March 30th, the Wireline Bureau issued an order that subsidizes broadband build out in areas where existing providers are already offering high speed service. Did the FCC properly notice what appears to be an arbitrary distinction whether or not the incumbent provider had a customer in the area as opposed to whether the provider offers service to an area? And how does the FCC justify that distinction?

The Honorable Brett Guthrie

1. Do you believe these bills would create bureaucratic red tape as the Chairman suggests in his testimony?

The Honorable Mike Pompeo

1. The Chief of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau recently made the following statement: "Generally speaking, I've found that most companies want to do the right thing, and when it's clear that something is impermissible, they generally don't do it. So when you're in enforcement, you're almost always working in a gray area."

- Commissioner O'Rielly, do you think the Enforcement Bureau should be operating "in a gray area," or should it be focused on clear violations of the Commission's rules?