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Mr. Jonathan Adelstein  
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Dear Mr. Adelstein:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on July 22, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled “Promoting Broadband Infrastructure Investment.”

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 with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Monday, September 28, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Greg Watson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [Greg.Watson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Greg.Watson@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

Attachment

## Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable Gus Bilirakis

1. Mr. Adelstein, I'm interested in your testimony about streamlining the siting process of wireless infrastructure on Federal Lands. You mention public safety as a benefit, and claim that facilities can be sited in an environmentally and historically responsible way. We've supported the buildout previously here in Congress and the Administration is on the record with their mandate for speeding deployment on federal lands. Why do you think the GSA and other federal agencies have been slow to expedite this process so far, and how detrimental has this pace been?

### The Honorable Kevin Cramer

1. Permitting, historical preservation, and environmental protection issues often cause delays and frustration for companies – particularly small companies – attempting to deploy broadband.
  - A. What are the most common regulatory barriers to broadband deployment and what can be done to streamline the process for providers to obtain the necessary permitting and other approvals needed to build on federal and protected lands?
  - B. How can the newly-created Broadband Opportunity Council help simplify the regulatory process?
  - C. Will the size of the BOC – 25 federal agencies and departments – hinder or help the effort to promote deployment through regulatory reform?
2. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has had a proceeding open for more than a year, looking at how to streamline the BIA grant process for rights-of-way on Indian lands. This proceeding is driven out of recognition that existing rules, which were last updated in 1980, are burdensome and outdated. What is your sense of how the process is going? Are you hopeful it will make it easier for your members to build new wireless facilities so our tribal populations have greater broadband access?
3. I am told leases to place new sites on lands regulated by the Bureau of Land Management or the National Park Service can take two or three years to negotiate depending on the site, with even simple lease renewals routinely taking 12 to 18 months. Would you support requiring BLM and the Park Service to agree to a streamlined, more predictable process for managing these applications, and would adoption of such a process be likely to expand consumers' access to wireless coverage in rural areas?
4. How does the Forest Service compare to BLM and the National Park Service in timely processing of siting applications? Does the Forest Service also need a streamlined process for considering siting requests?