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Mr. Scott Bergmann
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Dear Mr. Bergmann:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, to testify at the hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on Seven Communications Bills.”

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 Friday, May 27, 2016. Your responses should be mailed to Greg Watson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to 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 G. Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn

1. Mr. Bergmann, HR 4190 is intended to encourage greater spectrum efficiency - a worthy objective - but even enhanced efficiency is unlikely to keep us ahead of rising demand for wireless capacity, which Cisco estimates will grow by a factor of six over the next five years.

So would you agree that the real key to keeping America at the forefront of the wireless revolution is finding additional spectrum that can be turned over to the commercial sector?

2. Finding 5.1 of the President's 2012 PCAST report titled Realizing the Full Potential of Government held Spectrum to Spur Economic Growth states the following: There is no incentive system today for Federal Government agencies to be efficient in their use of spectrum or to share spectrum allocated to them with the non-federal sector.

That report concluded that "there is no incentive system today for Federal government agencies to be efficient in their use of spectrum."

Do you believe Federal users, in general, are any more efficient today than they were then? Why or why not? How can we get them to be more efficient?