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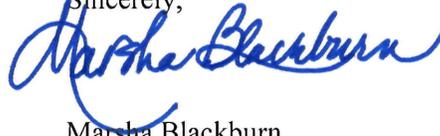
Dear Mr. Brake:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled “Defining and Mapping Broadband Coverage in America.”

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. To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. Your responses should be mailed to Evan Viau, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Evan.Viau@mail.house.gov.

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

Sincerely,



Marsha Blackburn
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

cc: The Honorable Michael F. Doyle, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Eliot Engel

1. There seems to be consensus that we should expand broadband access in the United States, but of course it is expensive to build the necessary infrastructure. In New York, we have an aggressive broadband expansion plan that offsets high costs through a reverse auction process. We use data from the FCC to identify both unserved and underserved areas. Then we auction off grant money for each area, awarding financing to the private company that seeks the lowest state subsidy. The system has attracted many different providers, including major telecommunication companies like Fairpoint and Frontier, as well as small utilities like Middleburgh Telephone Company and Margaretville Telephone Company.
 - a. Can you comment on New York's plan and whether you think we should adopt certain aspects of it on the federal level?