

**Responses to Questions for the Record from Scott Bergmann, VP, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
“The Broadcast Incentive Auction: Update on Repacking Opportunities and
Challenges”**

Questions for the Record from the Hon. Tony Cárdenas for Mr. Scott Bergmann, CTIA:

Question 1. *Though broadcasters by and large are hoping that the repacking process goes smoothly and is completed by the deadline, do you believe that an extraordinarily powerful broadcaster like Sinclair would have motive and/or ability to delay the repacking process?*

Response: CTIA appreciates your interest in this issue. Throughout the 600 MHz Incentive Auction proceeding, CTIA has stressed the need for the repacking process to be accomplished smoothly, efficiently, and within the 39-month transition window that was adopted by the FCC and upheld by the courts. And we are committed to being constructive partners with the broadcast industry in achieving this goal. Repurposing the 600 MHz spectrum for wireless broadband will generate substantial economic benefits for our country, creating jobs, stimulating economic growth, and enhancing Americans' mobile-first lifestyles. For that reason, we strongly urge the members of this Committee to maintain the 39-month deadline, which will preserve the integrity of the auction and speed deployment of wireless broadband services to rural areas.

Question 2. *Could you explain the impact that a corporation of the size of Sinclair (should its merger with Tribune go through) might have on the repacking process?*

Response:

CTIA commends this Committee for its attention to ensuring that the 39-month transition timeline is not delayed. Our members are anxious to put the 600 MHz spectrum to use, to develop innovative new products and services, and to expand coverage and capacity. CTIA urges this Committee to carefully monitor the transition to ensure that no broadcaster deliberately slows the deployment of innovative wireless services in the 600 MHz band, whether through efforts to link the repacking process to the ATSC 3.0 transition or otherwise.