

Congressman Steve Scalise
Statement for the Record: Subcommittee Markup of FCC Reauthorization
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A lot has changed since the Federal Communications Commission was last authorized in 1990 which is why today's markup is so important.

I'd like to commend Chairman Blackburn for her leadership on this issue, and also thank her for including my bipartisan FCC Consolidated Reporting Act in the manager's amendment. I have fought for years to bring FCC reporting into the modern age, and am proud to continue that work today.

Simply put, my bill would streamline the way the FCC does business by cutting red tape through the consolidation and elimination of obsolete reporting requirements. Making these changes will allow for more dollars to be spent on creating jobs, growing our economy, and building more infrastructure, rather than wasting time with unnecessary FCC reporting mandates. We shouldn't let outdated regulations hold back American innovation anywhere in our economy - including the FCC.

The broader package of reforms in this bill are long overdue and will ultimately ensure that the FCC is held more accountable to taxpayers. I urge passage of the bill and look forward to advancing this legislation to the full committee.