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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I’m thrilled to be here today for this important hearing and would like to thank all of the witnesses for being here. I’m especially thrilled to have a Hoosier witness here, David Broecker, from the Indiana Biosciences Research Institute representing the great innovations occurring in our state.

I have become increasingly engaged on efforts to empower 5G for a number of reasons. I’m proud that Indiana is one of thirteen states that have enacted state legislation to streamline the deployment of small cell networks, Indianapolis is an AT&T test site for 5G evolution build-out, and we have brilliant leaders like David working to innovate and build our communities.

As the saying goes, innovation waits for no one, and for our economy to move at the speed of innovation, we must support new and emerging technologies. I recently co-founded the 5G Caucus with my colleague Congresswoman Debbie Dingell as a means to educate members and staff about how 5G will revolutionize our communities and the role we, as policymakers, need to play to empower 5G. Unfortunately, Congress isn’t known for moving fast, and it is difficult for Congress to keep up with the speed of innovation.

Establishing a pipeline of new spectrum auctions to help meet America’s mobile needs, promoting infrastructure reform to unlock tens of billions in 5G investment, and ensuring that wireless operators have rights to access municipal infrastructure in a timely manner are all key aspects as we work to unleash the power of 5G. Any regulations we consider should act like guardrails – not roadblocks or speed bumps – so that 5G pioneers can create the next generation of advancements within the guardrails – instead of having to navigate around a

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roadblock that would stifle or even prohibit technologies that improve the way we live our lives.

5G means the opportunity for faster emergency response times that can save lives, smart cities, remote surgery, and unleashing the potential of the anticipated 50 billion new internet of things connected devices coming online by 2020.

I look forward to leading with Congresswoman Dingell on this issue and working together to advance sound policy that unlocks the economic potential of 5G and maintains and strengthens US leadership in next-generation technology.