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Ms. Shirley Bloomfield
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Dear Ms. Bloomfield:

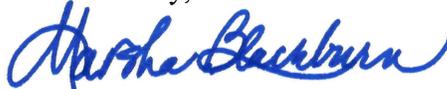
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, to testify at the hearing entitled “Closing the Digital Divide: Broadband Infrastructure Solutions.”

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 Monday, March 5, 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

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Steve Scalise

1. I have long fought to eliminate unnecessary rules and regulations that hinder innovation, stifle job creation in our economy, and limit access and/or choices for consumers. One area where I have a particular interest is in the video marketplace, where the '92 Cable Act was based on a dramatically different set of industry competition than exists today. The result of these outdated rules and regulations is less competition, less innovation, and less freedom for consumers and job creators alike. As a result, small and rural multichannel video programming distributors (MVPDs) are increasingly forced to choose between offering video service at a loss or dropping the service offer altogether. The and eliminate outdated laws for the sake of consumers and other stakeholders so that there is finally a more level playing field.
 - a. Please explain what, if any, tradeoffs you have seen your member companies make as it relates to investment and the buildout of broadband as business operation costs increase, and the freedom to innovate and meet consumer demand remain stuck in the 20th century.

The Honorable Yvette Clarke

1. I have learned by representing the 9th Congressional District of New York and the Smart Cities Caucus that cities are eager to bring high-speed broadband and 5G technology to their constituents. I am concerned, however, by the recent adversarial tone between industry and cities. I think it is wrong to characterize cities and industry as adversaries and not partners.
 - a. Can you all commit to helping reach a good faith consensus on how to bring high-speed broadband and 5G technology to cities aiming to deploy smart technology for their constituents? What are your plans for this commitment and engagement?
 - b. Will you commit to working with my office to resolve some of these disputes, and find a path forward that works for all consumers, cities, and the industry?