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Dear Mr. Spalter:

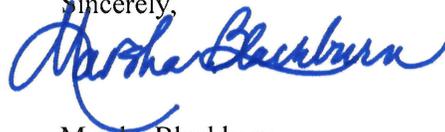
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, to testify at the hearing entitled "Closing the Digital Divide: Broadband Infrastructure Solutions."

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 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?

The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo

1. It's been almost a year since Congress repealed the FCC's privacy rule with a CRA, partially based on the notion that the FTC would take care of privacy for consumers. FCC Chairman Pai also just repealed net neutrality, again kicking oversight over to the FTC. In the months since the repeal of the privacy rule, there have been no enforcement proceedings, working groups, or other types of actions has the FTC taken to address or give guidance about consumer privacy in the communications sector.
 - a. Why should we believe that the FTC in the future will be diligent in providing the type of robust protections consumers need in a rapidly evolving communications environment, net neutrality, privacy, or otherwise, when it has so far failed to do so?