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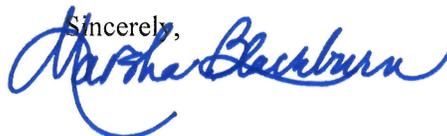
Dear Ms. Swanson Katz:

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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. As Congress explores how to remove barriers to broadband deployment, do you believe that targeted federal legislative solutions like CLIMB ONCE and the Community Broadband Act, which simply open the doors for local autonomy, can be helpful in expediting connectivity and economic development?
2. A recent Harvard study found that contrary to claims that municipal broadband, or even the threat of municipal broadband will reduce network investment, it is actually the state bans on municipal broadband that result in less overall investment in deployment, and that community-owned fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) networks in the United States generally charge less for entry-level broadband service than do competing private providers, and don't use initial low "teaser" rates that sharply rise months later.
  - a. Doesn't that demonstrate that consumers need more competition? Do you agree with the FCC's determination last April that a sole broadband provider counts as a sufficient level of competition?