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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
Chairman, Communications and Technology Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
2266 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Michael Doyle
Ranking Member, Communications and Technology Subcommittee
United States House of Representatives
239 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Blackburn and Ranking Member Doyle,

On behalf of the wireless industry, CTIA commends the bipartisan work your subcommittee has done to enabling spectrum auctions and modernizing the wireless siting process. RAYBAUMs Act, passed through your subcommittee, and ultimately enacted into law this year, contains a number of provisions that will help the United States win the global race to 5G which will require more spectrum and reforms to the current siting process.

CTIA supports the following bills enacted as part of the 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

- Reps. Guthrie and Matsui introduced H.R. 4109, the Spectrum Auction Deposits Act, which cleared the way for the Federal Communications Commission to hold future spectrum auctions by allowing deposits to be placed in an account with the U.S. Treasury;
- Reps. Brooks and Matsui introduced H.R. 4847, the Broadband Deployment Streamlining Act, which requires certain Federal government agencies to process wireless siting applications within 270-days of receipt; and
- Rep. Walters introduced H.R. 4795, the Communications Facilities Deployment on Federal Property Act, which requires the development of common forms, applications, and master contracts among Federal agencies which will help speed deployment of wireless broadband across Federal lands.

Each of these provisions are key in streamlining wireless deployment and makes strides to get all Americans access to broadband. We appreciate your bipartisan work on these important issues.

Sincerely,

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