



July 17, 2018

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
Chairman
House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Blackburn:

The Tennessee Cable Telecommunications Association and its member cable operators are committed to meeting the communications needs of each Tennessean – student, family, worker, business-owner, entertainment customer. On behalf of the cable operators in Tennessee, and their 4,580 employees and the approximately 41,700 direct and indirect industry jobs, thank you for your bi-partisan leadership as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

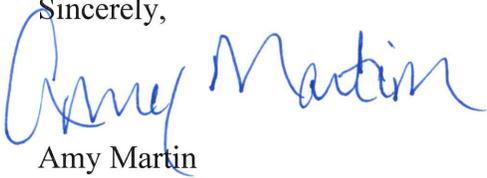
Under your leadership, for the first time in nearly 30 years, the Federal Communications Commission was reauthorized, with bipartisan support, ensuring transparency and efficiency of the Commission while paving the way for deployment of new technologies to meet future demands.

Cable is the nation's largest broadband provider and we applaud your support of the free-market in delivering advanced communications throughout the country. Since 1996 the cable industry has invested over \$250 billion resulting in the availability of high-speed broadband to 93 percent of homes in the United States.

The cable industry continues to invest in infrastructure and new technologies to serve all citizens. In Tennessee, TCTA and our members, were partners working with Governor Bill Haslam and Tennessee's General Assembly to develop and support the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act to improve broadband access and adoption in rural unserved areas. Thank you for your support of this bill that was passed, nearly unanimously, by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Haslam.

As you and the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology work to address the barriers of deploying broadband in rural areas, please know that TCTA and our member companies are here as a resource for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Amy Martin
President
TCTA

CC: Congressman Michael Doyle, Ranking Member