Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Thank you, Chairman Pallone...

Recently, I joined Chairman Doyle in introducing the Spectrum Innovation Act to ensure we are making available as much spectrum as possible for commercial use while recognizing the needs of our federal users.

Our bill lays out a balanced framework for freeing up much needed mid-band spectrum in the lower 3 gigahertz band.

By requiring 200 megahertz of spectrum to be made available, we are asserting a clear commitment to winning the race to 5G and beyond.

The bill also creates a path for new, innovative uses of spectrum through opportunistic and flexible access.

This bill will help ensure that the United States has a healthy pipeline of spectrum to boost innovation and job creation. And with that I yield back my time.