



February 2, 2023

The Honorable Bob Latta  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Communications & Technology  
Committee on Energy & Commerce  
House of Representatives  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Doris Matsui  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications & Technology  
Committee on Energy & Commerce  
House of Representatives  
2322 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Latta and Ranking Member Matsui:

CTIA appreciates the Subcommittee conducting a hearing on “Launching Into the State of the Satellite Marketplace” and asks that this letter be included in the record for the Subcommittee’s consideration.

The Nation’s wireless communications networks, which support nearly 500 million devices in America, are the envy of the world in part because of the U.S. government’s light-touch approach. The wireless industry continues to provide Americans with cutting-edge service and has developed critical safeguards such as wireless 9-1-1 services. While Congress is appropriately considering how to ensure that the U.S. satellite industry is also keeping pace, it must similarly allow the marketplace to drive innovation and growth.

That is particularly true with respect to the satellite industry’s recent efforts to provide service to mobile wireless devices. These developments are well underway, with several carriers announcing plans to partner with satellite providers and wireless device manufacturers announcing satellite texting functions. These capabilities, which will be particularly useful to the few very remote locations that wireless networks cannot reach because of terrain and other challenges, will continue to evolve through the marketplace efforts now taking place. The wireless industry looks forward to the future expansion of these technologies through further commercial-led initiatives that will provide even more connectivity to Americans.

CTIA appreciates the efforts of the Subcommittee and looks forward to working with you on this and other important matters important to the American people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Baker", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Meredith Attwell Baker  
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