

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**Opening Statement as Prepared for Delivery**  
**of**  
**Subcommittee on Communications & Technology Ranking Member Doris Matsui**  
  
*Markup of 13 Bills, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology*  
  
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Thank you, Chairman Latta.

I'm glad to have the opportunity to be here today for our Subcommittee's first markup in the new Congress.

The bills on the agenda are bipartisan and continue this Subcommittee's strong track record.

That bipartisanship will strengthen this Subcommittee's hand as we engage on important issues moving forward.

The bills before us today will help advance America's leadership in wireless communications, cybersecurity, satellite technology and more.

I'm glad to see Chairwoman McMorris Rodgers and Ranking Member Pallone's Sat Streamlining Act which will modernize the onerous licensing process at the FCC. Keeping the U.S. competitive in the rapidly evolving satellite marketplace is vital to our continued global leadership.

I'm also glad to see Ranking Member Pallone and Chair Rodgers' Secure Space Act on the agenda. As an original cosponsor of the rip and replace bill, I know it is a national security imperative to keep vulnerable technology out of the satellites serving American consumers.

Chairman Latta and Representative Kelly's Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act will ensure the FCC's rules are keeping up with innovation by using satellite service to support American farmers as they deploy new precision ag tools.

I know this bill can help farmers in my district and I'm excited to advance it.

We'll also consider Representatives Sotomayor and Dunn's Launch Communications Act which would require the FCC to finish a proceeding to support more predictable commercial space launches.

We also have Representative Johnson and Schrier's ALERT Parity Act to support emergency communications in unserved areas. As a member of the California Delegation, I know the stakes for this information is literally life and death.

There are also several bills that will increase cybersecurity and reliability across our communications footprint.

The NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act, Information and Communication Technology Strategy Act, and the Communications Security Act will all help strengthen the federal government's ability to combat cyberthreats and secure our networks.

And Representatives Obernolte and Eshoo's American Cybersecurity Literacy Act will ensure Americans have the tools they need to protect themselves online.

We have many other important bills on today's agenda and I look forward to discussing them more as they are brought up.

And with that Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.