

**Opening Statement of Chairman Brett Guthrie  
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology  
“SAT Streamlining Act: Modernizing Satellite Licensing for  
the Final Frontier”  
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Thank you, Chairman Hudson for holding this important hearing.

The U.S. satellite industry has undergone a period of robust growth over the last decade, and companies continue to innovate. While the satellite industry has long provided essential services, we are increasingly relying on satellite-based services to help close the digital divide and offer support in moments of crisis.

We are also seeing new partnerships between satellite operators and mobile carriers emerge to provide direct-to-device services to help improve coverage in communities that were previously unserved.

Today, we are considering the SAT Streamlining Act, which would update the Federal Communications Commission’s licensing rules for space. I want to thank Ranking Member Pallone for agreeing to work with me on this legislation.

Since the SAT Streamlining Act was originally introduced by this Committee a few short years ago, a lot has changed.

This is just the beginning of the conversation, and I want to thank Ranking Member Pallone for his commitment to work on this bill in a bipartisan fashion.

We want to engage with industry and government stakeholders alike to make sure we get these reforms right and that our efforts to modernize reflect the current and future technological landscape and the challenges impacting space.

This is an imperative national security issue that will help us maintain our competitive edge against adversaries like the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back.