

**Opening Statement of Chairman Brett Guthrie
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
“Where Are We?: Examining Positioning, Navigation, and
Timing Capabilities in the United States.”
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Thank you, Chairman Hudson for holding a hearing on this important topic. GPS provides positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) services to most sectors of the economy and is integrated into our daily lives beyond just navigation apps and devices.

While experts have been sounding the alarm about the vulnerabilities of GPS for decades, we are now witnessing the consequences of our delay play out in real time. Overseas, our adversaries are actively jamming and spoofing GPS in conflict zones, putting our service members at even greater risk. A disruption to GPS here at home has the potential to be catastrophic for the economy and impact hundreds of millions of Americans. We need to improve the resiliency of GPS.

The good news is that multiple complementary PNT solutions are being tested and deployed by the private sector. I look forward to hearing about some of these solutions today.

PNT systems, including GPS, rely on spectrum to deliver location and time data. That means making sure we have the appropriate spectrum available for these solutions is critical.

As the Committee with jurisdiction over the FCC and NTIA, we believe that spectrum management decisions like this should continue to be made by the expert agencies, working in concert with commercial and federal stakeholders through the existing mechanisms such as the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC).

These are engineering problems that can and should be addressed by technical experts and worked out through transparent, public processes. While Congress absolutely has a role in overseeing the expert agencies and ensuring public and other stakeholder input is considered appropriately, it is important to allow existing processes to proceed without prematurely intervening in favor of certain outcomes while the public record is developed.

I thank all the witnesses for being here today and look forward to your testimony and a robust discussion.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back.