

**Opening Statement for Chairman Brett Guthrie
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
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Administration”
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Thank you, Chairman Hudson for holding this important hearing, and thank you to Administrator Roth for being here with us today. Welcome back to the Energy and Commerce Committee.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration plays a critical role in ensuring every American has access to connectivity and that the United States continues to lead the world in technological innovation. Chairman Hudson spoke a lot about BEAD, so I want to focus on the important work NTIA is doing on spectrum. I used to co-chair the Spectrum Caucus for many years with my good friend, Ranking Member Matsui.

One of the important roles NTIA plays is managing use of federal spectrum. As demand for 5G, 6G, Wi-Fi, and AI continues to grow, we need to make more of this spectrum available for private sector use.

The Working Families Tax Cuts directed NTIA, in coordination with the FCC, to identify 500 megahertz of federal spectrum for reallocation for commercial use.

I am pleased to hear that NTIA has already begun identifying bands for reallocation and is studying other important midband spectrum bands. I hope NTIA can move quickly to get these bands to auction—this is crucial to maintaining the United States’ leadership in wireless innovation.

NTIA also plays an essential role in representing the United States in international telecommunications discussions, including this year’s ITU meeting and next year’s World Radiocommunications Conference. I look forward to hearing from Administrator Roth about our preparations for these two important events.

American leadership globally is key, otherwise the next generation of technology will be dominated by adversaries who do not share our values. We cannot allow them to set standards, drive innovation, and reap the economic benefits that should be ours.

Thank you again for being with us, Administrator Roth.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back.