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The Honorable Michael O’Rielly
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Dear Commissioner O’Rielly:

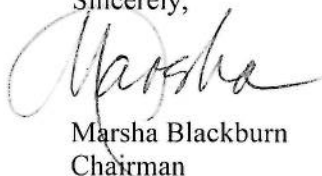
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, to testify at the hearing entitled “Oversight and Reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission.”

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, September 20, 2017. Your responses should be mailed to Evan Viau, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 and e-mailed to Evan.Viau@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Marsha Blackburn
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

cc: The Honorable Michael F. Doyle, Ranking Member,
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Gus M. Bilirakis

1. During my in-person questioning, I asked Chairman Pai about the FCC field office closures that took place in early January. Due to your longstanding interest in combatting pirate radio in a timely and effective manner, do you believe that these closures have resulted in (or will result in) increased actions against pirate radio operators?
 - a. Additionally, can you expand upon your written testimony regarding the repetitive warning process in place for pirate radio operators and the penalty restrictions the FCC faces in this area?

Subcommittee Ranking Member Michael F. Doyle

1. Do you believe that the Commission can unilaterally raise National Television Ownership cap?

The Honorable Yvette Clarke

1. Unlicensed spectrum – for uses like Wi-Fi – provides incredible value to the economy. By one estimate, that value will reach \$547 billion this year, provided that sufficient unlicensed spectrum is made available. But a February 2017 study by Quotient Associates forecasts a Wi-Fi spectrum shortfall in the United States of between 788 MHz and 1.6 GHz by 2025, and predicts a particular need for more contiguous Wi-Fi spectrum to support 160 MHz “Gigabit Wi-Fi” channels.
 - a. What can the FCC do to maintain U.S. leadership in Wi-Fi technology and ensure that sufficient unlicensed spectrum is made available to support ubiquitous access to Gigabit Wi-Fi among American consumers?