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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2266 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Doyle  
U.S. House of Representatives  
239 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Blackburn and Ranking Member Doyle:

The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), the leading trade association for global manufacturers, vendors, and suppliers of information and communications technology (ICT), applauds you for holding a hearing this week on broadband infrastructure solutions. TIA has reviewed the bills under consideration for this week's hearing and supports those listed on the attachment. We continue to evaluate the remaining bills for possible support at a later date.

More generally, as the Subcommittee's work to advance broadband deployment continues, we urge you to address regulatory obstacles to broadband facility siting. Companies face numerous obstacles at all levels of government, including complete moratoria, zoning rules and arbitrary conditions, differential treatment of new entrants, delays, exorbitant site inspection and application fees, and unsustainable annual rents. Several of the proposed bills would help address these challenges.

Moreover, we urge that any infrastructure package include dedicated funding to address each of the following challenges:

- Reaching unserved areas with the FCC minimum level of 25 Mbps down / 3 Mbps up;
- Increasing service to underserved areas with 100 Mbps / 10 Mbps; and
- Maintaining U.S. long-term preparedness with service of 1 Gbps / 50 Mbps.

TIA thanks you again, and we look forward to working with you on these important issues. For more information, please contact Dileep Srihari at 703-907-7715 or by email at [dsrihari@tiaonline.org](mailto:dsrihari@tiaonline.org).

Best regards,

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Att: List of TIA-supported legislation

Cc: House Communications & Technology Subcommittee members

## TIA-Supported Legislation

TIA supports the legislation listed below. We continue to evaluate additional bills for possible support at a later date. We look forward to working with the Subcommittee and the sponsors in refining and moving these bills forward.

*Scheduled for consideration on January 30, 2018:*

- **H. Res. 687 (Bilirakis)** – federal, state & local policies should be reconciled to maximize investment
- **H. Res. 689 (Hudson)** – funding should be prioritized to states that streamline small cell siting rules
- **H. Res. 691 (Latta)** – broadband deployment should be competitively and technologically neutral
- **H. Res. 701 (Flores)** – any FCC review under NEPA, NHPA, etc. should be limited to the actual area of impact
- **HR 2479 (Pallone et al)** – LIFT Act, \$40 billion for broadband in total, use of reverse auctions, 100 Mbps required except for 25 Mbps in remote areas
- **HR 4287 (Lujan et al)** -- \$5 billion broadband finance program for loans, guarantees, and lines of credit
- **HR 4795 (Walters)** – common application forms and master contracts for federal siting
- **HR 4798 (Collins)** – inventory of federal assets for telecom infrastructure
- **HR 4802 (Kinzinger)** – tracking of applications to install broadband on federal property
- **HR 4810 (Johnson & Guthrie)** – broadband mapping by NTIA
- **HR 4813 (Costello)** – WIFI STUDY Act – GAO study on offloading to unlicensed
- **HR 4814 (Eshoo et al)** – Community Broadband Act re: no state restrictions on municipal broadband
- **HR 4817 (Long)** – PEERING Act, NTIA grants for Internet Exchange facilities in areas without one, allows E-Rate and rural health funds to be used for that purpose
- **HR 4832 (Cramer)** – allows high-cost USF support to be used in disaster areas
- **HR 4842 (Shimkus)** – SPEED Act, a House companion to the Wicker/Cortez-Masto Senate bill that waives certain requirements for small cell deployment
- **HR 4845 (Olson)** – waives NEPA and NHPA requirements regarding construction, re-building, or hardening systems in re: major disasters
- **HR 4847 (Brooks & Matsui)** – streamlining reviews by the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service; also creates 270-day shot clock and “deemed granted” remedy for federal siting applications

*Other:*

- **HR 2425 (Huffman & LaMalfa)** – Public Lands Telecommunications Act – separate accounts for agency siting fees, requiring that such fees are reinvested into broadband
- **HR 4800 (Eshoo & McKinley)** – Broadband Conduit Deployment Act re: “dig-once”