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The Honorable Marsha Blackburn
United States House of Representatives
2266 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Doyle
United States House of Representatives
239 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20151

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, thanks the House Communications Subcommittee for having a hearing this week to address repacking issues following the successful voluntary incentive auction of television broadcast spectrum.

TIA urges Congress to ensure that the 39-month transition period provided in the 2012 Spectrum Act is adhered to. Licensees have made substantial investments of nearly \$20 billion to acquire the spectrum in the forward auction and are relying on its prompt deployment both to recover their costs and to deploy services to meet exploding consumer demand. Delaying the transition would be disruptive and would inject uncertainty into future auctions, undermining the value of the spectrum and ultimately harming taxpayers.

TIA also understands that additional funding may be needed to complete the transition. Following determination of final audited cost amounts by the FCC, if a legitimate shortfall in broadcaster relocation funds exists, then TIA urges Congress to promptly provide funds to address it. A projected shortfall of \$350 million, while significant, should not be permitted to undermine the successful design of the 2012 Spectrum Act that will ultimately yield at least \$50 billion in net combined proceeds (thus far) for taxpayers from various auctions.

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

Best regards,

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Cc: House Communications and Technology Subcommittee members