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The Honorable Anna Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Shimkus
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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dean Heller
United States Senate
361-A Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Representatives Eshoo and Shimkus and Senators Klobuchar and Heller:

On behalf of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), I am writing to applaud your leadership in introducing the "Federal Communications Commission Collaboration Act."

TIA is a leading trade association for the information and communications technology (ICT) industry, with over 500 member companies that manufacture or supply the products and services used in global communications. Our companies strongly support efforts to improve the ability of the FCC commissioners to function in a more collaborative manner.

TIA and our member companies have issues before the Commission daily and know too well the importance of efforts to improve the efficiency of the agency. To this end, your legislation addresses one of the central obstacles that Commissioners face as they deliberate and review complex telecommunications issues. In today's ever evolving telecommunications marketplace it is essential that the agency "charged with regulating interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable" is able to function swiftly and thoughtfully on these issues so critical to our companies' and nation's competitiveness.

Thank you again for your efforts. TIA appreciates your strong bipartisan commitment to and leadership on this legislation and we look forward to working with you to enact this legislation this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant E. Seiffert", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Grant Seiffert
President