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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on signing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure and competitiveness. The funding and policy updates contained in the bill will create jobs and keep our economy competitive in the 21st Century and I look forward to working with you to build on this progress. Because I believe spectrum policy is infrastructure policy, I write today to reiterate my call for you to adopt a unified approach to spectrum and a clearly articulated process for resolving interagency disputes.

Just as modern roads, bridges, and airports promote economic growth and sustain American leadership, a robust and predictable spectrum pipeline is needed to maintain America's competitive edge. As the race to 5G and beyond continues, the need for a national spectrum strategy that is consistent, concerted, and effective has never been higher. To meet this need, and deliver the spectrum that fuels American innovation, it is imperative that your Administration develops and executes spectrum policy that is understood and honored by all federal agencies. When interagency disputes about spectrum policy do arise, a well-defined process for resolving them is necessary. A transparent, commonly accepted process will allow career experts to negotiate solutions based on sound engineering and peer-reviewed science and provide agencies with a structured avenue for voicing concerns. This process will also reduce unnecessary delays in bringing valuable spectrum to market. With other countries looking to supplant America as the global leader in wireless communications technology, avoidable barriers to deployment carry with them significant economic and national security implications.

I appreciate your leadership on this important matter and look forward to working with you to maintain American competitiveness.

Sincerely,



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