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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I'm writing in support of the Commission efforts to review the managing of spectrum and how these innovations can best serve consumers.

Representing a rural area, Chairman Powell, I've seen the impacts that limited broadband services can have on economic development and individual communication. I'm supportive of steps to make sure we provide high speed Internet access to all areas of America and to exploring all the options to reach this goal. We have a number of businesses in Central Pennsylvania that can expand and maximize their economic growth and job development with spectrum improvements.

In addition, I believe the recent terrorism against our Nation further shows the importance that satellites can perform to insure communications capabilities. The potential ability of MSS to provide Internet service to Americans allows for one additional communication medium in case of an emergency. Also, I work closely with the military which informs me this would also help their Internet connections.

I urge the Commission to give appropriate attention to the potential ancillary terrestrial use as a complement of 2 Ghz mobile satellite service, and I thank you for this review and analysis of the potential benefits of this service. With thanks and all best wishes.

Sincerely,


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