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The Honorable Edward Markey
Chair, Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Markey:

The IEEE-USA would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, for passage of the Broadband Census of America Act of 2007 (H.R. 3919). We endorse your proposed legislation to obtain information on the types and speed of broadband service subscribers and the extent of such adoption for the residential and business market. Developing a national map of broadband service will enable the U.S. to determine those areas that are underserved by broadband suppliers. IEEE-USA feels these are important steps in increasing broadband deployment in the U.S. and we urge swift passage of the bill.

As you note, the U.S. lags many other nations in availability and speed as well as value. This is especially true in many rural areas of the country. Many important industries including agriculture, health care delivery, and others depend on ubiquitous availability of broadband and this legislation will promote rapid deployment. This legislation could go a long way toward accelerating broadband deployment in the U.S. with substantial attendant economic benefits to the country.

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Thank you for your support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

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[A copy of this letter was faxed to all Members of the House Energy & Commerce Committee.]

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