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The Honorable Olympia Snowe
United States Senate
154 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Ted Kaufman
United States Senate
383 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Mark Warner
United States Senate
459-A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Snowe, Warner and Kaufman:

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-United States of America (IEEE-USA) would like again to congratulate the Senate Commerce Committee for favorably reporting S. 2881, the "FCC Commissioners' Technical Resource Enhancement Act."

As we have previously related, IEEE-USA strongly supports the goals of this legislation to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has the technical expertise that it needs for decision-making on many important issues including the implementation of the National Broadband Plan. We also support the provision that directs the FCC Chairman to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences to complete a specified study of, and report on, FCC technical policy decision-making and the technical personnel at the FCC.

We are aware that decision-making by the FCC is critical to many sectors of the U.S. economy and specifically to the industries in which many of the 215,000 members of IEEE-USA work.

We look forward to the favorable consideration by the Senate during the session that resumes in November. If there is anything further we can do to support this legislation please contact Deborah Rudolph at 202 530-8332 or d.rudolph@ieee.org

Sincerely,

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