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The Honorable Greg Walden
Chair, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Anna Eshoo
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Walden and Eshoo:

IEEE-USA would like to present the document ***Improving U.S. Spectrum Policy Deliberations in the Period 2013-2017***, <http://www.ieeeusa.org/policy/positions/SpectrumPoilcy1112.pdf>, as background for your committee's debate and deliberation of legislation involving "Improving the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Process."

The FCC's jurisdiction covers both technical (*e.g.*, spectrum allocation and transmitter limits) and non-technical issues (*e.g.*, broadcast ownership and content). In this document, IEEE-USA suggests how the FCC might improve its decision-making process for spectrum management in order to stimulate technical innovation, encourage the private capital formation key to technical innovation, improve U.S. competitiveness in the international telecommunications marketplace and ensure reliable availability of spectrum for disaster response and national defense.

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Thank you for your consideration of this submittal.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Fred Upton, Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Henry Waxman, Ranking Minority Member,
House Committee on Energy and Commerce