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The Honorable Patty Murray
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United States Senate
Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction

The Honorable Jeb Hensarling
Co-chair
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Max Baucus
United States Senate
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The Honorable Jon Kyl
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The Honorable John Kerry
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The Honorable Rob Portman
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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Patrick Toomey
United States Senate
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The Honorable Jim Clyburn
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Fred Upton
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Dave Camp
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our opposition to Section 278 of the proposed American Jobs Act, which would provide the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") with broad, new authority to impose spectrum license user fees in excess of \$4 billion over 10 years on certain FCC licensees and other authorizations. This legislation ignores the considerable annual regulatory fees already borne by our respective industries and the tens of billions of dollars in private capital expended annually by wireless, satellite and commercial, non-commercial and public radio operators alike to build networks and invest in the infrastructure necessary to serve the American public. Each of our industry sectors is extremely efficient in its use of spectrum, thereby mitigating any likelihood that any new spectrum fee would compel greater efficiencies.

We are acutely mindful of the economic challenges confronting Congress and the country. We do not believe, however, that the solution to unemployment lies in the imposition of new fees and taxes that will inevitably shift money from much needed capital investment in state-of-the-art communications technologies critical to the health of the American economy. We urge you to oppose Section 278 of the American Jobs Act and any other proposals to levy new taxes on spectrum licensees.

Sincerely,


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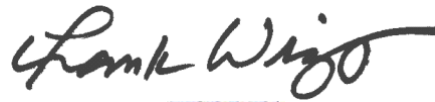

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