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AT&T Inc.
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Dear Mr. Stephenson:


Several provisions of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-200, "STELAR") will expire at the end of 2019. This includes the distant signal satellite license, codified at 17 U.S.C. § 119(h), which is set to terminate on December 31, 2019. As this expiration nears, this Committee must evaluate whether the Section 119 license should be allowed to sunset. To that end, we seek the following information on your continued use of the Section 119 license:

- 1) What is the total number of your subscribers that currently receive one or more stations through a distant signal license pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 119?
- 2) For the subscribers currently receiving stations through the Section 119 license, please identify how many qualify for the license under each of the statutory provisions defining an "unserved household":
 - a. 17 U.S.C. § 119(d)(10)(A);
 - b. 17 U.S.C. § 119(d)(10)(B);
 - c. 17 U.S.C. § 119(d)(10)(C);
 - d. 17 U.S.C. § 119(d)(10)(D);
 - e. 17 U.S.C. § 119(d)(10)(E).
- 3) Do any of your subscribers receive stations through a Section 119 license under a statutory authority not listed in question 2? If so, please identify any such authority and for each such authority, if any, provide the number of subscribers served.
- 4) How many of your subscribers receive stations through a Section 119 license in markets where you do not provide any local stations through your satellite service?
- 5) How many of your subscribers receive stations through a Section 119 license in a "short market" (as defined in 17 U.S.C. § 119 (g)(2)(E))? How many of these subscribers, if any, are included in the subscribers identified in your answer to question 4?

For your responses to questions 2-5, please provide information detailing the total number of subscribers by the designated market area where they reside, the call letters of each station being imported to that market, and the number of subscribers receiving each such station in each such market.

We ask that you give our request for information your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations, and that you send a written response by April 19, 2019. Thank you in advance for working with the committee as we review the Section 119 license.

Sincerely,



Jerrold Nadler
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee



Doug Collins
Ranking Member, House Judiciary Committee