

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

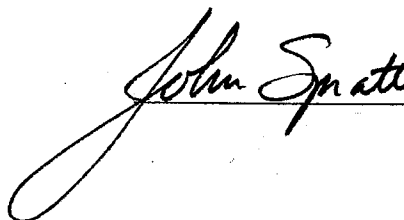
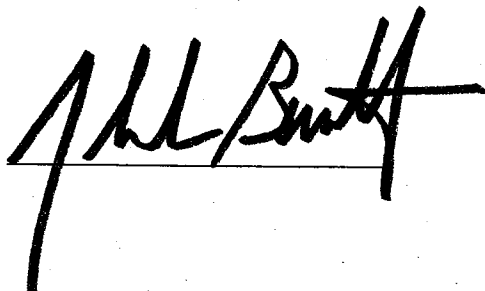
Dear Chairman Martin,

We are writing you in regard to the recent report the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) released on its initial testing of portable white space devices. Considering the unfavorable and conflicting findings, we urge the FCC not to rush the development of new rules governing this issue and to consider safer options for the use of this spectrum, such as exclusive licensing and auctions.

While we appreciate the tremendous potential this technology holds, it is essential that all due diligence be done to ensure that any portable devices will not interfere with digital television broadcasts or any future communication services. It is not our intention to deter the use of the white spaces, but we believe it is important that the FCC and Congress work together to ensure the transition to digital television is as smooth as possible.

As we move forward, we ask you to refrain from permitting the use of portable, unlicensed white space devices until it is proven that this technology will not interfere with existing signals, that there be an enforceable method put in place to resolve any interference that does occur, and that the spectrum used by these devices would be available in the future should we ever have the need to repurpose it, much as we just did for emergency communications. We would also encourage you to explore other methods of allocating this spectrum. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Henry E Bond

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