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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) and the undersigned manufacturers, vendors, and suppliers of information and communications technology (ICT) urge prompt passage of S. 19, the MOBILE NOW Act. As the ICT industry looks ahead to next-generation 5G networks, more spectrum and a significantly enhanced wireless infrastructure are both essential to closing the digital divide and maximizing the potential of the Internet of Things. They are also both essential to ensuring that the United States maintains its global lead in technology and innovation in the face of increasing competition from Europe and Asia.

The MOBILE NOW Act is an important bipartisan step towards achieving these goals, and was approved unanimously by the Senate Commerce Committee. The bill would make 255 MHz of additional spectrum available for mobile broadband, importantly including at least 100 MHz each of both unlicensed and licensed spectrum. It would also help streamline deployments of next-generation wireless infrastructure on federal facilities, helping to extend broadband access in rural areas.

TIA believes this legislation will promote economic growth and create jobs, particularly in underserved communities across the nation. By making more spectrum available for commercial use, it will also yield significant benefits for the Treasury and ultimately for American taxpayers. Thank you for your support, and we stand ready to assist prompt passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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Ericsson Inc.
Intel Corporation
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Qualcomm
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Cc: Senator Thune, Senator Nelson