



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

March 1, 2016

The Honorable Tom Udall
United States Senate
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Udall:

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The Honorable Brian Schatz
United States Senate
722 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate
730 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Edward J. Markey
United States Senate
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Markey:

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United States Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
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United States Senate
706 Hart Senate Office Building
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