

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

June 10, 2011

Mr. Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We write to you regarding our concerns with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) recent decision to grant a conditional waiver to an entity which may cause widespread interference to our nation's Global Positioning System (GPS) devices. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

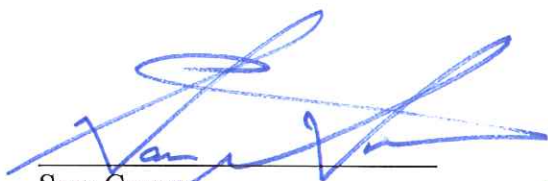
As you know, GPS was first launched more than thirty years ago and is now a critical and reliable part of our aviation and national infrastructure. Millions of Americans use this technology every day and taxpayer investments in GPS is roughly \$35 billion. If GPS is interfered with, aviation and numerous other private and public sector activities will be adversely impacted, including public safety, homeland security, transportation, agriculture and construction.

Thousands of aircraft use GPS receivers for navigation, including on approach and landing, and they are a central component to the Federal Aviation Administration's Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast based Next Generation Air Transportation System. We are concerned that the conditional waiver issued by the FCC may result in a new technology, that once operational, may jam GPS receivers, disrupt GPS signals, and create "dead spots" across our country.

It is our understanding that the Department of Defense, Department of Transportation, United States Senate, and numerous businesses have also expressed serious concerns regarding this issue. Respectfully, we request the FCC to take all steps necessary to protect GPS without imposing additional cost burdens on GPS users.

Again, we appreciate your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact us directly or Mike Matousek (Rep. Sam Graves) at 202-225-7041 or Brandon Webb (Rep. John Barrow) at 202-225-2823 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,




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Member of Congress

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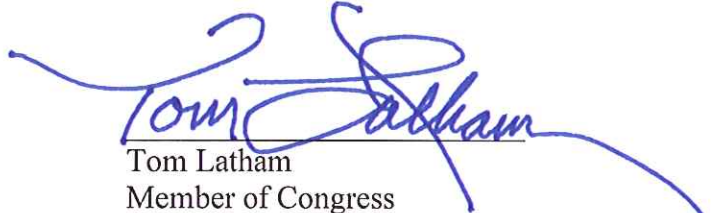
  
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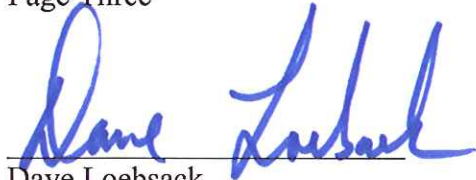
  
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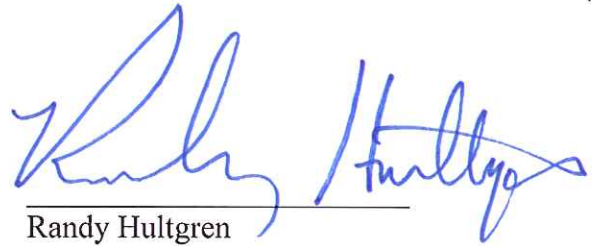
  
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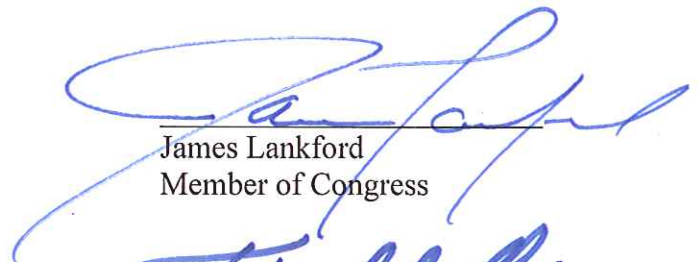
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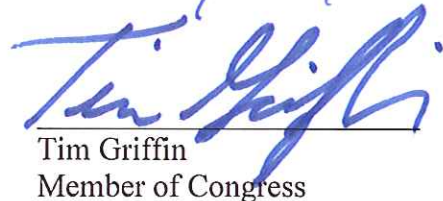
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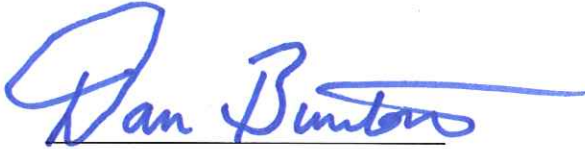
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