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The Honorable Anna Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Shimkus
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mike Doyle
U.S. House of Representatives
401 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representatives Eshoo, Shimkus and Doyle;

On behalf of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), I am writing to applaud your leadership in introducing H.R. 1009, the "Federal Communications Commission Collaboration Act."

TIA is a leading trade association for the information and communications technology industry, with over 500 member companies that manufacture or supply the products and services used in global communications. Our companies strongly support efforts to improve the ability for the FCC Commissioners to function in a more collaborative manner.

TIA and our member companies have issues before the Commission daily and know too well the importance of efforts to improve the efficiency of the agency. To this end, your legislation addresses one of the central obstacles that Commissioners face as they deliberate and review complex telecommunications issues. In today's ever evolving telecommunications marketplace it is essential that the agency "charged with regulating interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable" is able to function swiftly and thoughtfully on these issues so critical to our companies' and nation's competitiveness.

Again, on behalf of our companies, TIA appreciates your strong bipartisan commitment to and leadership on this legislation and we look forward to working with you to enact this legislation this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant E. Seiffert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Grant Seiffert
President