

July 9, 2026



The Honorable Brendan Carr
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Resuming Spectrum Auctions

Dear Chairman Carr,

We, the undersigned organizations, **applaud the return of spectrum auctions** with the recently-concluded Auction 113 (AWS-3). **The first spectrum auction since the Commission’s authority expired in March of 2023 has generated \$3.57 billion** and heralds a new era for market-oriented approaches to spectrum allocation that will continue with the forthcoming upper C-Band auction.

Spectrum auctions have generated over \$230 billion in non-tax revenue while unlocking several times that number in private sector investment since they replaced “beauty contests” in 1994. When the Working Families Tax Cut reopened auctions, it was projected by the Congressional Budget Office to further raise **at least \$86 billion**. Because of the pent-up demand, it could even be as high as \$100 billion in revenue, in addition to more than [\\$400 billion in consumer benefits](#). Making more government-owned spectrum available to the private sector will benefit consumers.

The failure by the previous administration to come to an agreement on reauthorizing these auctions was shambolic. Not a single auction was held during the entirety of President Biden’s tenure. By contrast, President Trump has demonstrated genuine leadership by insisting on forging an agreement to reauthorize auctions. White House Staff, the Federal Aviation Administration, and of course your staff on the FCC worked with industry towards privatizing government spectrum and the resumption of this Nobel prize-winning method of allocation of a scarce resource.

That leadership has shown in the speed of this process. This was among the fastest auctions the FCC has developed, faster from NPRM to Order than any other spectrum in the 5G era. This is a reflection of both your good work and the pent-up demand from industry after the five-year gap in auctions, which serves only to justify this course of action.

We applaud your work to make this good idea a reality and look forward to continued success with the auctions authorized by the Working Families Tax Cut.



Onward,

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