

**Statement of the Honorable Mary Bono Mack  
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology  
Hearing on “Creating Opportunities through Improved  
Government Spectrum Efficiency”  
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Thank you Mr. Chairman –

Yesterday, in my own subcommittee, we took a hard look at growth in the app economy. And, Mr. Chairman, the sector is booming. Today, an estimated 90 million U.S. consumers spend around 60 minutes per day accessing the Internet with smartphones, while another 24 million people spend 75 minutes a day using the Internet on their tablets.

And if you haven’t heard business leaders talk about the importance of mobile to their future...you probably haven’t been listening very closely. But what drives all of this growth? You guessed it, spectrum. And we need more of it.

Today we are examining federal uses of spectrum. Unfortunately, the Administration seems willing to settle only for spectrum sharing – and in my opinion, has based that strategy on incomplete analysis. Spectrum sharing is an important piece of the puzzle, but by no means the only solution. I look forward to hearing from our witnesses today, and yield back.