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“I am pleased to hear Verizon Wireless’s announcement. While we do not yet have all the details, the company’s decision appears to be a step forward for consumers. I’d like to see additional carriers listen to their customers and offer a more open platform.”

On July 11, 2007, the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on wireless innovation and consumer protection, addressing the issue of open access. Please visit <http://energycommerce.house.gov> to view

testimony or the webcast from the hearing.

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