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of
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Chairman Mike Doyle
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Mr. Chairman, thank you for holding this hearing.

The LIFT AMERICA Act is a transformational investment in the future of our nation.

We have been talking about closing the digital divide for as long as I have been on this Committee – for far too many Americans broadband is unavailable, too slow, or too expensive.

This legislation would change all of that – by delivering on the promise of universal high-speed broadband for all.

The bill would also upgrade on nation’s 9-1-1 systems - giving our first responders more effective and reliable tools to help us in our moments of crisis.

This bill makes a massive investment in upgrading our nation’s water and energy infrastructure – to protect our children – to upgrade our grid – and so much more.

It also invests now in our public health infrastructure - so that we can face the next public health crisis stronger and more prepared.

It’s good to see Ernie Moniz and Tom Wheeler back before us.

I look forward to the testimony of our witnesses and I yield back.