

**Opening Statement of the Honorable Fred Upton  
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology  
Legislative Hearing on the Anti-Spoofing Act,  
the LPTV and Translator Act, and the E-LABEL Act  
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The Energy and Commerce Committee has a strong record of bipartisan legislative success. Today, we look to build upon that record as we discuss three proposals to strengthen consumer protection, ensure appropriate consideration of low power television and translators in auction proceedings, and reduce regulatory burden on electronics manufacturers.

The Anti-Spoofing Act extends an important consumer-focused protection - the prohibition of caller ID fraud - to text messages. We have passed laws protecting voice calls from this sort of deceptive behavior, but as technology evolves, it's become clear that text messages are just as susceptible. By preventing senders from masking their identity, hopefully consumers will be less likely to hand over sensitive personal information to bad actors.

Next, the LPTV and Translator Act instructs the FCC to be mindful of low power television stations and translators as they go forward with implementing the broadcast incentive auction that was a product of this committee. This issue is important to many of our constituents, including those in both Mr. Barton and Chairman Walden's districts, and it is a topic worthy of discussion today to see what we can do to help protect these stations.

Finally, the E-LABEL Act is the type of bipartisan bill this committee embraces. Given the new developments and innovation in the device-manufacturing world, this legislation provides a practical solution that will reduce the regulatory burden on job creators. This legislation simply provides electronics manufacturers the flexibility to provide important information to consumers digitally instead of requiring a physical label on each product.

As always, I am pleased to see this committee discussing commonsense proposals and look forward to today's discussion on all three topics. Thank you to our witnesses for your time and expertise on these matters, and to the members and staff of the subcommittee for your hard work on the draft language.

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