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## Blackburn Applauds FCC ‘White Space’ Proposal

*Urges Commission to Approve Blackburn’s Mobile Broadband Technology Initiative*

**Washington, D.C.** Rep. Blackburn, an original champion of White Spaces legislation during the 109<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, lauded the FCC proposal to allow mobile broadband devices access to unlicensed television spectrum. The Commission’s proposal paves the way towards government policy that will unleash next-generation technological development at a time when our nation’s economy needs it the most.

**“The FCC deserves commendation for carefully reviewing and ultimately recommending adoption of a White Space technology proposal. Wireless devices capable of operating in digital television’s unused white spaces will promote the next great wave of mobile broadband technology, which will in turn create jobs and drive new delivery for creative content. During a time of potential economic uncertainty in the retail markets, the FCC’s decision provides a glimmer of hope for an industry capable of beating a path to economic recovery.”**

The FCC’s forthcoming White Space report recommends allowing devices with both remote-sensing and geologic capabilities to operate in the unlicensed television band, provided they do not interfere with broadcast television signals. Though tentatively slated for consideration during the FCC’s November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission’s decision advances a proposal long sought by the Tennessee lawmaker and Member of the exclusive Energy and Commerce Committee.

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