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Senators Urge Fast C-Band Action

Issue: Yesterday, Chairman Wicker (R-MS) of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Chairman Thune (R-SD) of the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet sent a [letter](#) to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Ajit Pai urging the Commission to “*act quickly to make spectrum in the 3.7 GHz to 4.2 GHz band available for 5G.*” Both Senators have a history of advocating for rural broadband deployment.

Impact: The Senators highlight the importance of winning the race to 5G and its effect on the “*economic well-being and security of America.*” The letter notes that since Congress passed the *Making Opportunities for Broadband Investment and Limiting Excessive and Needless Obstacles to Wireless Act* (MOBILE NOW) over a year ago, the need to open space in the C-Band has “*become even more acute,*” and that “*It has been estimated that accelerating infrastructure deployment by one year could drive an additional \$100 billion in economic impact in the next three years.*”

Next Steps: The letter indicates that Congress is beginning to take more notice of the issue. ACG Analytics continues to believe that the fastest path forward is a negotiated solution that minimizes litigation exposure from all sides. However, an auction is likely still months away. On May 3rd, the FCC [requested](#) additional comments on its plan to auction space in the C-Band. The comment period will likely remain open until mid-July, meaning that a decision is unlikely until at least early Fall. The letter does not take a position on whether the Senators

believe the fastest way forward is through a public auction or private sale by satellite operators.

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