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Washington, D.C. 20230

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Ms. Jane Overslaugh Rathbun
Acting, Chief Information Officer
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Dear Ms. Rathbun:

On behalf of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), I want to express our gratitude for and recognition of the Department of the Navy CIO Spectrum Relocation Fund Team for using its outstanding technical expertise to deliver important innovations in spectrum sharing.

The Citizens Band Radio Service (CBRS), created last decade through a novel partnership with the Navy, NTIA, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), is rightly praised for bringing about meaningful spectrum sharing and enabling increased spectrum access to the private sector. CBRS has been a pioneering success in spectrum sharing, thanks in no small part to the Navy.

But the Navy hasn't stopped there. Your Office continued to deliver CBRS innovations, developing for example a portal-based scheduling solution last year that has accelerated spectrum access to private-sector CBRS users in Hawaii until more permanent structures can be put in place.¹ The Navy's expedited CBRS deployment in Hawaii is an extraordinary feat. Your efforts to further spectrum sharing strategies have led the way for federal agencies by ensuring critical and warfighting capabilities are protected while creating viable solutions to commercial wireless spectrum access. These achievements reflect great credit upon your Office, the Department of Navy, and Department of Defense.

Sincerely,

Charles Cooper
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¹ See Letter from Mr. Charles Cooper, NTIA to Messrs. Ronald T. Repasi and Joel Taubenblatt, FCC (Sept. 18, 2023), <https://www.ntia.gov/fcc-filing/2023/ntia-notifies-fcc-cbrs-users-hawaii-may-temporarily-use-schedulers-instead-esc>.