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NACo applauds House panel for moving D-block spectrum bill toward final passage

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Counties (NACo) today applauded a House panel for moving ahead with critical legislation to reallocate 700MHz D-Block spectrum for a national interoperable broadband network for public safety.

The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, Chaired by Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.), passed the bill on Dec. 1 after a bipartisan agreement was reached.

“NACo applauds members of the subcommittee for moving this life-saving legislation forward,” said NACo Executive Director Larry E. Naake. “More than 10 years after 9/11, it is long past time that we clear obstacles prohibiting our nation’s first responders from access to the most reliable emergency communication systems available. Congress must not rest until the D block spectrum bill is passed into law.”

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