

**Statement of Representative Anna G. Eshoo (as prepared)**  
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*Reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission:*  
*The FCC's FY 2016 Budget Request*  
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Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Today, we revisit an important topic: the FCC's budget, and we welcome back to the Subcommittee Jon Wilkins, the agency's Managing Director.

The question of highest import to be asked today is the following: If the FCC is not fully funded, what are the consequences?

- Will the agency have the necessary staff to carry out the world's first voluntary, incentive spectrum auction, along with the IP transition, review of pending mergers and USF reform?
- Will the agency be able to upgrade its IT infrastructure so that public comments on issues important to the American people can be filed without crashing the website? We witnessed this when over 4 million Americans voiced their support for effective, enforceable net neutrality rules.
- Will the agency remain on track to move its headquarters within the next two years? Reducing the agency's footprint is estimated to save taxpayers \$119 million over 15 years.
- Finally, will the FCC be able to develop and implement a 'Do-Not-Call' registry for telephone numbers used by 9-1-1 call centers? This provision was included in the Public Safety and Spectrum Act of 2012 to ensure automatic dialing (or "robocall" equipment) does not tie up public safety lines and unnecessarily divert critical emergency resources.

These are not small questions, especially when the agency employs the lowest number of full-time staff in 30 years. Ensuring the FCC has the tools and resources to fulfill its mission means more successful spectrum auctions, like the nearly \$45 billion raised earlier this year.

Protecting the public interest, promoting competition and enhancing innovation are at the core of the FCC's mission. I will continue to do everything I can to see that the agency has the tools to achieve these goals.

Thank you, Mr. Wilkins, for your service, and I look forward to your testimony on the FCC's budget.