

I voted Yes on H.R. 3309, the FCC Process Reform Act.

This bill is intended to reform certain procedures of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to better enable continued investment in the wireline, wireless and cable industries. The FCC dates back to 1934 and is charged with regulating radio, television, wire, satellite and cable. Complaints have arisen surrounding the FCC's backlog of license applications, lag time between applications and FCC response, outdated regulations and incomplete communication about proposed regulations. President Obama and his Jobs Council have also called for reforms to the FCC process.

Specifically, H.R. 3309 would require the FCC to:

- Survey the marketplace before proposing rules that would increase costs for businesses and consumers.
- Identify a real market failure and conduct a cost-benefit analysis before adopting a rule costing more than \$100 million.
- Publish the text of a proposed rule so the public and industry knows what it is in it, as well as provide adequate time for public comment.
- Implement performance measures for rules and programs so we can determine whether they are working or not.
- Not coerce parties to accept unrelated conditions in return for approval of a merger.

The FCC Process Reform Act would make the FCC more transparent and cost-effective, which will in turn allow us to grow and create more American jobs in an innovative field.

Telecommunications is exactly the type of industry that we should be encouraging to grow in the America, not hamstringing with bureaucratic delay and ambiguity. This bill will help investment and job creation to continue in a 21st century sector of our economy.

The bill was approved by a vote of 247 – 174.