

## U.S. Spectrum Policy Should Continue to Benefit Americans – Not Follow the CCP’s Lead

**Six years ago, a landmark decision by President Trump’s FCC unlocked trillions in economic value, made the U.S. a global leader, and continues to benefit consumers daily. CTIA would rather do as China does.**

In the United States, 90% of mobile data runs on Wi-Fi, which is powered by unlicensed spectrum. In an effort to prioritize how Americans use spectrum, President Trump’s administration moved to allocate spectrum in the 6GHz band for unlicensed use – a historic move that has been adopted by nearly 100 other countries and generated nearly \$1 trillion in incremental economic value in just two years alone.

But the clear outlier that has yet to follow suit is China, where the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) views access to Wi-Fi as a threat. The CCP continues to restrict the 6 GHz band for the exclusive use of state-sanctioned manufacturers like Huawei, a Chinese telecommunications giant known to be controlled by the Chinese military.

While China insists on being the only large nation on the globe to reject Wi-Fi operations in the 6GHz band, the U.S. should continue to set the standard for innovation around the world – to the benefit of American consumers and businesses, and the detriment of our adversaries.

So why is it that CTIA keeps insisting that the U.S. instead suspend its global leadership and follow the CCP’s lead? Just this month, CTIA has repeatedly urged policymakers to similarly restrict the 6GHz band in the United States.

Americans expect faster and more reliable connections, especially when the typical household already supports more than 20 connected devices and demand is only skyrocketing. U.S. spectrum policies should reflect U.S. spectrum usage, where Wi-Fi carries 10 times more traffic than all cellular bands combined.

So let’s make sure American policies continue to benefit Americans – not aim to follow the CCP’s lead.