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Dear Ms. DeYoung:

I appreciate the time you took to provide me with advice on the consultation that was launched on August 19, 2014, with respect to policy changes in the 3500 MHz band.

The decision paper has now been published and can be read [online](#).

With this decision, and consistent with my statement of October 9, 2014, our government will not take spectrum licences away from anyone who is providing Internet service to rural Canadians. Furthermore, the final decision does not reclassify rural licence areas, and it will ensure that spectrum is available for rural Canadians in the future.

This decision provides a path for mobile use in the 3500 MHz band while maintaining existing fixed wireless Internet services in all communities.

This approach will ensure existing services using this band continue to be available to Canadians while implementing a fast-track licensing process for spectrum that becomes available to allow even further services to be provided. Please find public statements from Xplornet and a group representing the 10 largest rural Internet service providers attached to this letter.

I trust that this information is helpful. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable James Moore, P.C., M.P.

Attachments