

(Washington DC) Tomorrow, the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet will begin consideration of the Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006. This legislation will revise and update the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Congressman Charlie Gonzalez issued the following statement:

“Tomorrow, Energy and Commerce Committee will begin updating the landmark Telecommunications Act that President Clinton signed into law ten years ago. Of course, much has changed since then, and we need to change our federal laws to reflect current market realities. In my view, we will need to keep two goals in mind: aiding consumers while encouraging innovation and development.

New technologies are available that can revolutionize how we stay in touch with others and we need to ensure that the most efficient technologies are available to consumers at the cheapest prices. Yet, we also must craft a bill that will encourage companies to continue the innovation that makes America a leader in the telecommunications field. From my seat on the Telecommunications and the Internet Subcommittee, I will be able to make San Antonio's concerns known during the crafting of this bill.

I look forward to working with Republicans and Democrats alike to produce a bill that will help all Americans access 21st telecommunications.”

Congressman Charlie Gonzalez is four-term Democrat from San Antonio who sits on the House's longest standing committee, Energy and Commerce.

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