

19 March 2018

The Honorable Anna G. Eshoo  
241 Cannon House Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Eshoo:

On behalf of the nearly 180,000 technical professionals who comprise our U.S. membership, IEEE-USA applauds your leadership in advancing the Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2018 (H.R. 4800), as incorporated in the Ray Baum Act (H.R. 4986) and passed by the House on March 6th. This common-sense measure will help expand our national broadband infrastructure and improve internet access to underserved communities while lowering the cost and reducing the disruption associated with repeated installations of fiber-optic communications cable.

IEEE-USA believes that a tremendous opportunity exists to leverage forthcoming necessary reinvestments in America's public infrastructure -- in a way that also promotes our national broadband goals and realizes broadband potential for supporting U.S. economic growth and entrepreneurship. Accordingly, IEEE-USA believes that it is an appropriate time for recognition of "Dig Once" as a national policy priority and will work to support its passage in the Senate.

If we can be of any assistance to you, please call upon our Director of Government Relations, Russell Harrison, [r.t.harrison@ieee.org](mailto:r.t.harrison@ieee.org) in our DC office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S L Robinson".

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