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**Re: Consultation on a Policy and Technical Framework for the 700 MHz Band and Aspects Related to Commercial Mobile Spectrum**

As the Member of Parliament for Bonavista-Gander-Grand Falls-Windsor, I am writing to indicate my strong support for an open and transparent mobile spectrum auction which supports wireless expansion across the entire country – rural areas included.

I understand that the 700 MHz spectrum to be auctioned at the end of next year will power 4G, the next generation of mobile technology – technology that promises to deliver speeds of up to 100+ Mbps.

All communities across the country – including rural communities, like those in my riding – deserve access to this technology and the leading-edge devices that it supports. Access to the latest in wireless technology is crucial to helping people stay connected, providing access to education and information, and assisting local businesses and governments with productivity improvements, economic efficiency, and job creation.

Ongoing wireless expansion across the country is crucial to economic and cultural development within Canada. In my riding alone, there are close to 60 communities without access to high-speed Internet and who can only avail of dial-up service, at a very slow pace, which is inadequate and costly to use. This is unacceptable. Do not let rural communities be left behind when the next generation of wireless technology rolls out.

I trust that Industry Canada will consider the interests of rural communities in establishing the rules that govern the upcoming auction for the 700 MHz spectrum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Simms'.

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