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Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, 4–6pm EDT, 1–3pm PDT

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We are honored to have the following experts:

Minna Elias, Attorney and Former Congressional Staffer Charles Frohman, M.Ed., National Health Federation, Lobbyist Maurice Franklin, PhD, Public Policy Consultant Suanne Edmiston, Former Congressional Counsel Julian Gresser, Attorney

Telecom bills are putting us at risk with our privacy, security and safety.

- HR 3557 Scraps NEPA,* NHPA,* moratoria on wireless facilities, and local authority
- HR 4141 Scraps NEPA, NHPA for a wide range of wireless facilities on federal lands, etc.
- HR 1123 Excludes 5G from cybersecurity study of mobile networks but 5G is the least secure
- HR 3293 Establishes a "strikeforce" to compel communications deployment on federal lands
- HR 2018 Compels wireless deployment in national parks creating forest fire hazard
- HR 4235 Pilots study to address wildfires using wireless facilities-which can create fire hazards
- HR 3565, 3216, 3964 Lowers download/upload speeds to 100/20 Mbps, a race to the bottom
- HR 1338 Exponentially increases satellite launches and space debris despite at least 25,000 collision avoidance maneuvers reported over 6 months
- For more pending bills and fact sheet see https://ehtrust.org/congress/ below the fold at "Resources"

*NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act *NHPA – National Historic Preservation Act



Minna Elias, Attorney and Former Congressional Staffer

Minna Elias is an attorney who is currently working as a consultant. For over 25 years, Ms. Elias served as New York Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, managing the Congresswoman's Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens offices, overseeing casework and advising the Congresswoman on a wide variety of issues, including women's issues, transportation, banking and community issues. Ms. Elias worked

extensively on building the Second Avenue Subway and East Side Access, the creation of new schools and the improvement of parks. Prior to working for Congresswoman Maloney, Ms. Elias was an associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges where she focused on mergers and acquisitions and SEC filings. Before attending law school, Ms. Elias worked for a lobbying firm in DC, specializing in health and welfare issues.



Charles Frohman, M.Ed., National Health Federation, Lobbyist



Charles Frohman is the lobbyist for the National Health Federation. After graduating in 1988 with a B.A. in Government from the College of William and Mary, he discovered while helping Congressmen in the 1990s how difficult it is for idealists to defeat special-interest subsidies or the restrictions subsidies impose upon competitors. Charles lobbied for financial trade associations and then worked at the Cato Institute. Charles served a variety of nonprofits as his lobbying clients in the 2000s – including Health Ventures for Pain Medicine Rights, Consumer Health Reform, and Natural Health. He was as an insider for Governor Johnson's presidential effort and ran his nonprofit, lobbying also for the American College of Healthcare Trustees.



Maurice Franklin, PhD, Public Policy Consultant

The Honorable Dr. Maurice O'Brian Franklin is a member of Manhattan's Community Board 10 representing Central Harlem and a member of its Landmark and Transportation Committee and Health and Human Service Committee leadership). Dr. Franklin is Public Policy and Public Administration Adjunct Professor at California State University, Northridge,

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Suanne Edmiston, Former Congressional Counsel

Suanne Edmiston spent more than a decade serving as congressional staff in the U.S. House of Representatives. A native of western Pennsylvania, she started her service on the Hill in her home district, and later served the Fourth District of Iowa and the First District of Texas, most recently serving as Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Legislative Counsel. Suanne earned her B.A. in International Affairs and Political Science from The George Washington University and her Juris Doctor from Regent University School of Law.



Julian Gresser, Attorney

Julian Gresser is an international attorney, professional negotiator, inventor, and recognized expert on East Asia, and CEO of Big Heart Technologies, a humanitarian Benefit Corporation founded to provide tools and resources to empower collaborative innovation and negotiation training. He has served as legal advisor to numerous U.S., Japanese, and European companies on a wide array of business issues, including joint ventures, limited (venture

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Moderator: Odette Wilkens Co-Founder, President & General Counsel



Odette Wilkens co-founded Wired Broadband, Inc. in 2020, a 501(c)(3) non-profit in New York City, focusing on safe technology for the public. Odette is a technology transactional attorney and for over 20 years has represented multi-national corporations in entertainment, finance and technology. WBI advocates for fiber optics network architecture running fiber to and through the premises for homes, businesses, schools and all facilities. WBI is raising awareness of the superior benefits of fiber optics for capacity with symmetrical Gigabit speeds, safety, cybersecurity, with ground-breaking applications in telemedicine and emergency preparedness.