

Michael D. Gallagher serves as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications



and Information and Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Gallagher served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Counselor to Secretary of Commerce Don Evans. He was the lead policy advisor to the Secretary and was responsible for the effective coordination of policy initiatives within the Commerce Department and across the Administration. Before joining the Secretary's personal staff, Mr. Gallagher served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

As a leading member of the Bush Administration's technology team, Mr. Gallagher has focused his efforts on bringing the benefits of new and exciting telecommunications technologies to consumers including fulfilling President Bush's national goal of affordable broadband Internet access for all Americans by 2007. As part of those efforts, Mr. Gallagher spearheaded the Bush Administration initiatives that enabled a number of world-leading technologies including ultrawideband, broadband over power lines (BPL) and new spectrum allocations for licensed and unlicensed communications.

As the President's principal advisor on telecommunications policy, Mr. Gallagher is leading President Bush's initiative to develop a radio spectrum policy for the 21st century. Mr. Gallagher directed a NTIA study that developed 24 innovative and far-reaching recommendations for better spectrum management that will enable the nation to keep pace with powerful new technologies that benefit American consumers and provide spectrum for critical homeland security, public safety and scientific research.

Prior to his service in the Administration, Mr. Gallagher was vice president for state public policy at Verizon Wireless in Bellevue, Washington. From 1998 to 2000, he was managing director for government relations at AirTouch Communications Inc., also in Bellevue, Washington. Mr. Gallagher served as Administrative Assistant to former Congressman Rick White (R-Washington) from 1995 to 1997. Subsequently, he established a government relations practice at Perkins Coie, LLP, in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Gallagher received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and his J.D. from the University of California in Los Angeles. He is a member of the Washington State Bar.