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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notification of *Ex Parte*. Restoring Internet Freedom (WC Docket No. 17-108); Accelerating Wireline Broadband by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Development (WC Docket No. 17-84); Deployment Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure (WT Docket No. 16-421);**

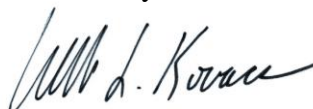
Dear Ms. Dortch:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce (“Chamber”), the world’s largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations, and dedicated to promoting, protecting, and defending America’s free enterprise system, submits this *ex parte* notification.

On Tuesday, October 4, 2017, Jordan Crenshaw, Assistant Policy Counsel, met with Commissioner Brendan Carr and Nathan Leamer, Legal Advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai, to discuss the status of the above-referenced open proceedings. The Chamber advocated for the need to expeditiously remove the Title II “common carrier” designation for broadband providers while preserving the principles of net neutrality. Additionally, the Chamber discussed the importance of rural broadband and that one of the ways to address the digital divide would be to preempt localities from charging duplicative and unreasonable fees to site telecommunications equipment on public rights of way.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, this *ex parte* letter is being filed electronically for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. L. Kovacs', written in a cursive style.

William L. Kovacs