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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation*
GN Docket Nos. 17-183, 18-122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Per Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) Rule 1.1206, this letter provides notice that on October 5, 2018, Bill Tolpegin, Chief Executive Officer for the C-Band Alliance, and Preston Padden, Head of Advocacy and Government Relations for the C-Band Alliance (collectively the “Parties”) met with Chairman Ajit Pai and Rachael Bender, Legal Advisor to Chairman Pai, concerning the above-referenced proceedings.

The Parties discussed the recently formed C-Band Alliance (“CBA”), a consortium of satellite operators with four founding members: Intelsat, SES, Eutelsat and Telesat. The Parties explained that the CBA will clear a portion of the C-band downlink frequencies and enter into secondary market agreements to make the cleared spectrum available to wireless carriers and others interested in buying it. The CBA will fulfill the role of the Transition Facilitator envisioned by the Commission. The Parties stressed that the opportunity to enter into secondary market agreements would be open to all interested parties.

Additionally, the Parties discussed the importance of moving quickly to get C-band spectrum into the wireless marketplace expeditiously, so that the United States is able to keep pace with 5G deployments in other countries. The Parties emphasized that mid-band spectrum is essential to ensuring that 5G is available to all Americans, and not just those in urban corridors. The Parties stated that the CBA intends to seek consensus on certain technical parameters, such as power levels, that are important for 5G deployment.

In closing, the Parties reassured the Chairman that the members of the CBA will continue to provide world class C-band satellite service to all of their existing customers. CBA members will provide their customers with filters and other necessary equipment, supply installation services, and cover all reasonable costs necessary for spectrum clearing.

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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