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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation, *Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band*
GN Docket No. 17-258

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On October 10 and 11, 2018, Scott Bergmann, Kara Graves, and Jen Oberhausen of CTIA met separately with Rachael Bender of the Office of Chairman Ajit Pai, Erin McGrath of the Office of Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, Will Adams of the Office of Commissioner Brendan Carr, and Umair Javed of the Office of Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel to discuss the above-captioned proceeding.

During the meetings, CTIA encouraged the Commission to adopt the 3.5 GHz Citizens Broadband Radio Service (“CBRS”) *Draft Report and Order*.¹ As the Commission is aware, mid-band spectrum such as the 3.5 GHz band offers excellent coverage and capacity characteristics for the next generation of wireless, 5G. By moving forward now with final rules for the licensed tier, the Commission will enable the auction of this mid-band spectrum to support these next-generation services in the United States. CTIA therefore commended the Commission for proposing to adopt tailored, investment-friendly changes to the 3.5 GHz licensed band—including longer license terms; a balanced, compromise approach to license geographic areas; and an expectation that licenses will be renewed—while largely leaving unchanged the unique framework for this band. These reforms will better align the licensing framework for this band with international developments and will facilitate both targeted use cases and wide-area networks for the provisioning of 5G.

¹ *Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band*, Draft Report and Order, GN Docket No. 17-258, FCC-CIRC1810-02 (draft rel. Oct. 2, 2018) (“*Draft Order*”).



Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in ECFS and provided to the Commission participants. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott K. Bergmann

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