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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 12, 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 Commissioner Michael O’Rielly and his legal advisor, Erin McGrath, concerning the above-referenced proceedings.

The Parties discussed the recently formed C-Band Alliance (“CBA”), a consortium of satellite operators founded by Intelsat, SES, Eutelsat and Telesat. The Parties explained that the CBA will clear a portion of downlink frequencies in the C-band and initiate secondary market agreements, in order to make cleared spectrum available for purchase to wireless carriers and others. As envisioned by the Commission, the CBA will fulfill the role of the Transition Facilitator. The Parties emphasized that the ability to enter into secondary market agreements would be open to all interested parties.

Additionally, the Parties underscored the importance of moving expeditiously to make spectrum in the C-band available to the wireless marketplace, so that the United States is able to keep pace with 5G deployments in other countries. The Parties highlighted that mid-band spectrum is crucial to ensuring that 5G is available to all Americans—in both rural and urban corridors. The Parties explained that the CBA will seek consensus on certain technical parameters, such as power levels, that are important to 5G deployment.

Lastly, the Parties noted to the Commissioner and his advisor that members of the CBA will continue to provide world class C-band satellite service to their existing customers. CBA members will provide existing 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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