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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 15, 2018, Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA President and CEO, spoke by phone with Commissioner Michael O’Rielly regarding the above-captioned proceeding. During the call, Ms. Baker commended the Commission for the release of the 3.5 GHz Citizens Broadband Radio Service (“CBRS”) *Draft Report and Order*.¹

Ms. Baker urged the Commission to adopt the *Draft Report and Order’s* tailored, investment-friendly changes to the 3.5 GHz licensed band. As the Commission is aware, mid-band spectrum such as the 3.5 GHz band is a key building block for 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. The Draft Report and Order would provide for 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 opportunities for the widest array of operators.

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 participant. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott K. Bergmann

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