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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Space Exploration Holdings, LLC, IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20200417-00037; RM-11768*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 16, 2020, Gwynne Shotwell and David Goldman of Space Exploration Holdings, LLC (“SpaceX”) had a conference call with Matthew Berry and Sean Spivey from the Office of Chairman Pai. On October 19, 2020, Elon Musk, Mark Juncosa, Tim Hughes, and David Goldman of SpaceX had a conference call with Chairman Pai and Sean Spivey. Both calls addressed the above referenced proceedings.

SpaceX provided an overview of its progress to date in deploying its Starlink constellation. SpaceX continues investing in its rapid network deployment, including launching as many as 120 satellites a month and installing extensive ground infrastructure across the country. This pace and level of investment demonstrates the urgency to approve SpaceX’s modification so that it may quickly and safely provide improved service to consumers in remote—and Polar—locations.

This investment would be undermined if the Commission were to agree with those trying to cast a pall of regulatory uncertainty over all operators using the 12 GHz band. The Commission set a careful balance in the 12 GHz band allowing operators across a range of industries, including satellite television and satellite broadband, to broadly share and flourish in this spectrum. Yet, despite the clear consumer benefits of the Commission’s current approach, Multichannel Video and Data Distribution Service licensees are now demanding an open-ended rulemaking that would introduce precisely the type of regulatory uncertainty that would deter the hundreds of millions of dollars being invested by companies already serving or about to serve consumers in this band. The Commission should reject these cynical efforts to have the Government intervene in an otherwise successful market.

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Sincerely,

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The SpaceX logo is located in the bottom right corner of the page. It features the word "SPACEX" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized, grey, curved line that represents a rocket's trajectory or a satellite's path, starting from the bottom left and curving upwards and to the right.