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

Re: Ex Parte Presentation, Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure, WT Docket No. 16-421; Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Radio Services, GN Docket No. 14-177, IB Docket Nos. 15-256 and 97-95, RM-11664, WT Docket No. 10-112; Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions, MB Docket No. 12-268; Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services, WC Docket No. 16-106.

On January 31, 2016, Meredith Attwell Baker, President and CEO of CTIA, and Scott Bergmann, VP Regulatory Affairs of CTIA, met with Chairman Ajit Pai and Rachael Bender, Legal Advisor to Chairman Pai, to discuss the above-referenced proceedings.

During the meeting, CTIA explained that the United States leads the world in the deployment and adoption of 4G wireless services and that the next generation of wireless services, 5G, holds the promise of unlocking even greater benefits to consumers, businesses, and the U.S. economy by providing much faster speeds and enough bandwidth to support the Internet of Things. CTIA noted that ever-increasing consumer use of 4G, and soon 5G, mobile broadband is placing tremendous demands on wireless providers, which must not only add spectrum capacity but must also expand the physical networks needed to accommodate that demand.

CTIA highlighted the importance of sound policies at the federal, state, and local levels to facilitate the rapid and efficient deployment of wireless infrastructure to support 4G LTE and 5G networks. CTIA encouraged the Commission to adopt the proposals in its recently-released Small Cell Public Notice that would streamline local review of wireless infrastructure applications, clarify actions that prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting wireless service, and ensure that compensation for use of public rights of way is cost-based, fair, and reasonable. CTIA further noted that there is a similar opportunity for



the Commission to update and clarify the scope of and procedures for tribal review of siting applications on non-tribal lands to ensure timely deployment of 5G networks.

CTIA also discussed the importance of facilitating an adequate pipeline of additional spectrum to address consumers' explosive demand for innovative wireless services. CTIA noted the success to date of the 600 MHz Incentive Auction and forecasts that deployment of this spectrum could result in more than \$2 billion in new growth to our economy and creation of more than 70,000 new jobs. CTIA expressed its desire to continue to work with the Commission in partnership toward a speedy, workable post-auction repacking process. With regard to high-band spectrum, CTIA commended Chairman Pai and the Commission on last year's *Spectrum Frontiers Order* and noted the wireless industry's strong desire to move quickly to put this spectrum to use. CTIA urged the Commission to maintain its momentum and move to finalize rules to bring to market the additional millimeter wave bands raised in the pending proceeding for the benefit of consumers.

Finally, CTIA explained that wireless carriers are committed to respecting consumer privacy, and have enshrined their commitment through a set of core privacy principles. CTIA expressed support for a regulatory regime that reflects these principles and urged the Commission to act quickly on the recently-filed joint stay request,¹ which would afford Congress and the Commission much-needed time to consider the best means for adopting a uniform privacy and data security framework across the Internet.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being electronically submitted into the record of these proceedings. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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¹ Joint Association Petition for Stay and ISP Privacy Principles, In the Matter of Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services (Jan. 27, 2017), WC Docket No. 16-106, available at <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/101270254521574/012717%20Petition%20for%20Stay.pdf>.