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VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* - Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz, GN Docket No. 17-183

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Satellite Industry Association (SIA)¹ has prepared the attached document for regulators and lawmakers in the United States titled, *When Hurricanes Strike – Satellites Provide Life-saving Services Before and After a Hurricane*. The document notes the devastating impacts that Atlantic tropical cyclones have had on the U.S. since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. It summarizes the various specific satellite company initiatives in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria this past summer and also highlights the vital and ubiquitous forecasting, preparedness, search, rescue and recovery services that only satellites can deliver when terrestrial-based infrastructure is damaged or destroyed.

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Without access to the spectrum required to support these critical connectivity and data services that serve the entire nation - from remote sensing to mobile platforms to broadcast services to satellite broadband - the ability to prepare for natural disasters and restore critical terrestrial communications services on a timely basis would be severely impacted.

Respectfully submitted,

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