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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, NW
Washington, D.C., 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Communication -- WT Docket No. 17-83*

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On March 12, 2018, Sean Stokes and Joanne Hovis of the Coalition for Local Internet Choice ("CLIC") met with Travis Litman. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss CLIC's deep concerns regarding both the process and outcomes of the Commission's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee ("BDAC"). The discussion focused on the composition of BDAC, and its lack of meaningful inclusion of local governmental representatives in the development of "model" codes that purport to represent best practices for local governments.

The conversation also discussed CLIC's opposition to the model state code provisions related to municipal broadband networks. As presently drafted, these provisions would create significant barriers to new municipal broadband deployment and public-private collaboration and would therefore frustrate the underlying objectives of expanding broadband availability throughout the nation.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joanne Hovis

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cc: Travis Litman

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