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Association

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Access to Private Land Mobile Radio Spectrum, WP Docket No. 16-261; Land Mobile Communications Council Petition for Rulemaking Regarding Interim Eligibility for 800 MHz Expansion Band and Guard Band Frequencies, RM-11719

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 17, 2018, Don Andrew, Director of Operations, Frequency Coordination Services and the undersigned of the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA)¹ met with Joel Taubenblatt, Scot Stone, and Charles Eberle of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and discussed the above-captioned proceedings.

Consistent with WIA's comments in the above-captioned docket,² WIA explained the importance of efforts to improve access to 800 MHz Expansion Band (EB) and Guard Band (GB) channels through open access policies that will maximize use of this spectrum for the benefit of the public. WIA emphasized that the Commission should encourage competition in the EB and GB channels by continuing policies that do not give incumbent operators priority access to available EB or GB channels, which could bar new entrants and deter innovation.

WIA discussed its concerns with Land Mobile Communications Council's (LMCC) proposal to create a six-month window during which the Commission would permit incumbent 800 MHz licensees in a market to acquire EB and GB channels to expand existing systems,

¹ The Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) is the principal organization representing companies that build, design, own, and manage telecommunications facilities throughout the world. WIA's members include carriers, infrastructure providers, and professional services firms.

² Reply Comments of the Wireless Infrastructure Association, WP Docket No. 16-261, (filed Dec. 22, 2016).

before the Commission accepts applications from new entrants. WIA encouraged the FCC to remain charted on its pro-competition course and resist any attempt to establish a preferential licensing scheme for the benefit of 800 MHz incumbents.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter will be filed via ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zach Champ", written in a cursive style.

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