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Commissioner Brendan Carr
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to
Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79*

Dear Commissioner Carr:

As Mayor of Little Rock I know that technology fosters ingenuity and economic growth in our cities. Recently, Little Rock was highlighted in an Arkansas Democrat Gazette article where Joan Marsh of AT&T commented on the fact that Little Rock is a technology friendly place. That is why it's critical we work together to bring small cells and, ultimately, 5G to cities across the nation. In my discussions with mayors around the country, bridging the divide and ensuring that all Americans have access to world class broadband is a top priority for cities of all sizes.

Small wireless facility deployment is critical to delivering wireless access to advanced technology, broadband, and 911 services to residences, businesses, and schools. Cities are already partners with technology providers in fair and predictable processes that retain protections which include assessing fair compensation for private use of the public right of way. City developed smart cell policies should include:

- Comprehensive and transparent guidelines;
- Reasonable compensation; and,
- A prompt yet thorough review timeline.

Through a thoughtful approach to small cells, some cities, with Little Rock as an example, are working to pave the way for the future while protecting the needs of the city. While some cities have moved quickly, others may benefit from a model policy that accelerates small cell deployments while retaining fair and reasonable protections for cities.

Working together we can provide a smart policy that fosters the technology needs of tomorrow while protecting the rights of cities throughout the country.

Thank you for your efforts to help ensure our cities remain competitive and encourage ongoing investment in our future.

Sincerely,

Mark Stodola
Mayor