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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: ***Restoring Internet Freedom, WC Docket No. 17-108***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

We, the undersigned wireless providers, proudly serve many of America's less populated and harder to reach markets. We live in the communities we serve, and we are committed to providing our neighbors with all that the Digital Age can offer, including an Open Internet. We are similarly proud of the jobs we create and those we support in our communities. We write in support of a return to the Commission's long-standing Title I approach to broadband services—an approach that will protect all Americans' vital interests in a free and open Internet and promote investment in new broadband infrastructure.

The uncertainty surrounding the Title II regulatory framework for wireless broadband services hinders our ability to meet our customer's needs, burdens our companies with unnecessary and costly obligations and inhibits our ability to build and operate networks in rural America. As the Commission knows, infrastructure investment is the lifeblood of our industry, where broadband technologies evolve at lightning speed and providers who do not innovate and invest can be quickly overtaken. To the benefit of our rural consumers, our companies have invested to serve our communities and compete against the nationwide wireless providers. Our companies build networks in unserved and underserved areas to ensure all Americans have access to mobile services. With the

proper regulatory framework in place, we will be better positioned to invest in wireless broadband networks and expand our networks' reach to close the digital divide.

We support a free and open Internet, and simply oppose the continued application of public utility laws to the technologies that drive the 21<sup>st</sup>-century economy. We support Chairman Pai's effort to restore the classification of broadband services and provide a stronger foundation for future jobs, investment, and service to rural America.

Sincerely,

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