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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Presentation, *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*, WC Docket No. 18-89;
Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band, GN Docket No. 18-22.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 9, 2019, Cinnamon Rogers of the Telecommunications Industry Association (“TIA”) and Clete Johnson of Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP (as counsel to TIA) met with Nirali Patel of Chairman Pai’s office to discuss the above-captioned proceedings.

During the meeting, TIA urged the Commission to expedite the adoption of a rule that prohibits the use of universal service funding on equipment and services from suppliers that pose a national security risk. Action by the Commission would be an important step to promote U.S. leadership as the international conversation continues on this important global security issue. Moreover, any potential new sources of support should be prioritized to assist small and/or rural carriers with replacing equipment from suppliers of concern.

TIA also expressed its support for transitioning spectrum in the C-Band to terrestrial use. This would help make an important segment of globally-harmonized mid-band spectrum available rapidly for terrestrial use including 5G. It could also potentially result in other public interest benefits.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed in ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Rogers", is written over a horizontal line.

Cinnamon Rogers
Senior Vice President, Government Affairs
Telecommunications Industry Association

Cc: Nirali Patel