



May 17, 2018

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: USTelecom Ex Parte Notice, WC Dkt. No. 18-89, *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 15, 2018, Jon Banks, Robert Mayer and I, representing USTelecom, met with the following members of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau: Kris Monteith, Bureau Chief; Madeleine Findley, Aaron Garza, Christian Hoefly, Daniel Kahn, Ramesh Nagarajan, Ryan Palmer, and John Visclosky; Charles Mathias of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and David Plotinsky of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau also attended. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the docket referenced above.¹

Meeting participants discussed the state of supply chain risk analysis across the federal government. USTelecom noted that communications supply chain risk discussions very closely related to the issues set forth in the NPRM are currently taking place at the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Commerce, and in Congress. USTelecom supports, and seeks to work with, an ongoing federal risk management effort to identify supply chain risks and devise appropriate remedial measures; however USTelecom emphasized the importance of a whole of government strategy for any such effort. Accordingly, USTelecom urged the FCC to closely coordinate with its federal government counterparts as it develops and considers the record in this proceeding.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

_____/s/_____
Mike Saperstein
Vice President, Law & Policy

cc: Meeting Participants

¹ *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*, WC Docket No. 18-89, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-42 (Apr. 18, 2018).