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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--Request for Reconsideration and Stay

Dear Sir/Madam:

I hereby request reconsideration and a stay of the Federal Communications Commission’s March 30, 2018 decision in the above-referenced matter. The Order dispenses with pre-deployment environmental and historic preservation reviews of many next generation wireless facilities.

These facilities will emit high frequency radiation directly into peoples’ homes. Scientific studies indicate that the radiation from these facilities may cause cancer and have other harmful impacts, especially in infants and young children.

Notwithstanding this research, the Commission refused in its Order to evaluate health impacts of the emissions but relied on outdated regulations from 1996. The General Accountability Office issued a report in July 2012 recommending that the FCC update its radiofrequency exposure limits. To date, the Commission has not acted on GAO’s recommendation and yet the FCC is moving forward without regard to the public welfare. This is unacceptable.

The next generation facilities also threaten the integrity of residential communities in other ways. For example, these next generation facilities may include towers up to 50 feet or more high with any number of antennas and associated equipment attached to the towers and on the adjacent ground. These facilities will have a direct impact on the aesthetics and property values of affected neighborhoods. Yet the Order does not consider these negative impacts.

Please reconsider the Order and issue a stay until the Commission completes its review of this and other requests for reconsideration. I also incorporate by reference the Request for Reconsideration and Stay submitted in this proceeding by Edward B. Myers on May 29, 2018.

For the convenience of the Commission, I have submitted a copy of Mr. Myers’ Request for Reconsideration and Stay with this filing.

Respectfully,

Thomas Maslar