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Commissioner Brendan Carr

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC

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Dear Commissioner Carr,

Advanced communications technology has long been an integral part of my community’s vision of the future, both for the City of Kings Mountain and for Cleveland County. The construction of many large data centers, and the fiber optic facilities serving them, have been an economic boon to our community west of Charlotte.

Looking to the future, we see the importance of advanced wireless communications. A strong wireless network helps keep the community overall connected, while enabling small businesses to grow their customer base, expand their reach and potentially increase revenue and create jobs.

So, I was encouraged to see the FCC taking definitive steps to encourage and facilitate the investment of capital in upgrading wireless infrastructure. As the demand for wireless technologies and applications continues to grow, the pressure on existing wireless networks will grow as well. A small-cell network design will complement the traditional, pre-existing cell towers to address capacity issues.

We understand that larger metro areas, such as Charlotte, may feel this network congestion before we do. But in today’s Internet of Things economy and society, wireless connectivity is vital, regardless of the size of the community in which one lives.

Under the leadership of Speaker of the House Time Moore, who is from Kings Mountain, the North Carolina General Assembly has enacted legislation to encourage the deployment of small cell technology to limit exorbitant fees which can siphon off capital from further expansion projects. I was encouraged to see the FCC taking similar steps to enact policies that help clear the way for the essential investments that will promote necessary upgrades to network infrastructure to ensure that Kings Mountain remains a great place to both live and do business.

Thank you for all your efforts to support reforms that remove barriers to the deployment of wireless infrastructure. I hope you will continue to do so, and that your FCC colleagues will do the same.

Sincerely,

Scott Neisler

Mayor, City of Kings Mountain