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Ex Parte

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

**Re: Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band, GN Docket No. 18-122;
Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, CG Docket
No. 17-59**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 12, 2019, Hans Vestberg, Chairman & CEO of Verizon and I met with Chairman Ajit Pai and his Acting Wireless & International Advisor, Aaron Goldberger. During the meeting, we discussed Verizon's efforts to develop and deploy 5G technology, including our success in launching the world's first commercial mobile 5G network earlier this year. We noted that millimeter wave spectrum – the backbone of our current 5G offerings – is performing well and will be an important component of 5G in the United States and internationally. We reiterated that prompt access to mid-band spectrum is now critical to achieving the full promise of 5G, including more widespread 5G deployment and the full range of advanced capabilities made possible by 5G. Specifically, we encouraged the Commission to move forward quickly to make spectrum in the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz band available and to get a portion of this currently underutilized spectrum in the hands of 5G providers who stand ready to deploy.

We also reiterated our support for the Commission's continuing work to protect consumers from unwanted robocalls, including the recent order expanding providers' ability to more broadly block such calls.¹ As we develop and introduce additional protections for consumers, we made clear that we will continue to provide robocall blocking to consumers for free.

Sincerely,

¹ *Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, et al.*, Declaratory Ruling and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CG Docket No. 17-59 & WC Docket No. 17-97 (June 7, 2019).