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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation, *Accelerating Wireless/Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WT Docket 17-79, WC Docket 17-84

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 20, 2019, Scott Bergmann and Kara Graves of CTIA, and Bryan Tramont and Christine Crowe of Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, met with Commissioner Brendan Carr and Will Adams, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Carr.

The Commission adopted three landmark orders in 2018 that were built on a clear and compelling national policy objective: The United States needs a modernized, national regulatory framework that accommodates state and local interests while promoting wireless deployment and advancing our national interest in 5G leadership.¹ During the meeting, CTIA commended Commissioner Carr for his leadership on Commission actions to drive infrastructure deployment and thus directly benefit the public and the economy. As 5G ramps up, the demand for additional infrastructure to support the many exciting and innovative services that 5G will bring makes it essential that the Commission continue to focus on removing barriers that impair and delay that needed infrastructure.

CTIA explained that, despite the Commission's efforts in 2018 and in other rulings—which have in many instances enhanced the ability for providers to deploy necessary

¹ *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, Second Report and Order, 33 FCC Rcd 3102 (2018) ("March 2018 Order"); Third Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling, 33 FCC Rcd 7705 (2018) ("August 2018 Order"); Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order, 33 FCC Rcd 9088 (2018) ("September 2018 Order").



infrastructure—CTIA’s members continue to confront entities and local governments that ignore, misapply, or leverage perceived ambiguities in the Commission’s rules and directives, with the result that members are being delayed or effectively prohibited from installing needed infrastructure, often indefinitely. CTIA urged the Commission to take actions that build off of prior reforms and help achieve the intent of those Commission actions—eliminating regulatory and other barriers that inhibit wireless deployment. CTIA also urged the Commission to take further actions to remove barriers to infrastructure deployment on existing towers, poles, buildings, and other structures, use of which can often enable providers to upgrade their networks faster, speeding the public’s access to advanced services. CTIA discussed a variety of regulatory requirements that apply to infrastructure siting, including those associated with Section 6409, Section 224, Twilight Towers, Section 106, and the Federal Aviation Administration’s Colo Void Policy.

Pursuant to Section 1.2106(a) of the FCC’s Rules, a copy of this letter is being electronically submitted into the record of these proceedings. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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