



July 2, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Ex Parte Presentation, *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WT Docket No. 17-79; *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-84; *Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure*, WT Docket No. 16-421

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On June 28, 2018, Meredith Attwell Baker, President and CEO, and Scott Bergmann, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, met with Commissioner Brendan Carr and Will Adams, his Legal Advisor, to discuss the above-captioned proceedings.

During the meeting, CTIA highlighted the importance of modernized siting policies at the federal, state, and local levels and their key role in helping to ensure the U.S. is 5G-ready. CTIA stressed that timely Commission action is essential to creating capacity for today's 4G LTE networks and supporting the nation's next-generation technologies and services. Consistent with our comments in these proceedings,¹ CTIA urged the Commission to ensure the wireless industry has reasonable access to public rights-of-way and publicly owned assets. Specifically, CTIA urged the Commission to establish clear timelines for the entire local review process, with enforceable remedies,² and ensure that fees charged by state and local governments are cost-based, non-discriminatory, and transparent. CTIA

¹ See, e.g., Comments of CTIA, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed June 15, 2017); Reply Comments of CTIA, WT Docket No. 17-79, WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed July 17, 2017); Comments of CTIA, WT Docket No. 16-421 (filed Mar. 8, 2017); Reply Comments of CTIA, WT Docket No. 16-421 (filed Apr. 7, 2017).

² See Letter from Scott K. Bergmann, SVP, CTIA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WT Docket Nos. 17-79 and 16-421, WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed June 20, 2018).



also discussed several types of regulations or requirements that have been identified by industry as substantially delaying or deterring service, including moratoria (whether express or *de facto*), denials of access to municipal-owned utility poles and other structures, requirements that all facilities along rights-of-way be underground, requirements to prove a service coverage gap or other business need, and subjective, unreasonable, or unpublished aesthetic restrictions or those that discriminate against wireless deployment.³

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in ECFS and provided to the Commission participants. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott K. Bergmann

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cc: Hon. Commissioner Brendan Carr
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³ See Letter from Kara Romagnino Graves, Director, CTIA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WT Docket Nos. 17-79 and 16-421, WC Docket No. 17-84 (filed June 27, 2018).