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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure, WT Docket No. 16-421; 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; Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Access to Private Land Mobile Radio Spectrum, WP Docket No. 16-261; Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee, GN Docket No. 17-83

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 6, 2017, Jonathan Adelstein, Sade Oshinubi, Van Bloys, and the undersigned of the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA)[1] met with Donald Stockdale, Suzanne Tetreault, Garnet Hanly, Jeffrey Steinberg, David Sieradzki, Mary Claire York, and Charles Eberle of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and discussed the above-captioned proceedings.

Consistent with its comments, WIA emphasized the importance of the FCC's efforts to reduce regulatory barriers to wireless infrastructure deployment and the opportunity to encourage investment in innovative 5G services and Internet of Things (IoT) solutions.

WIA encouraged the FCC to continue the focused effort within these open proceedings and to continue its important work with the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee in order to enhance capacity on 4G networks and spur the deployment of next-generation 5G

[1] The Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) is the principal organization representing companies that build, design, own, and manage telecommunications facilities throughout the world. WIA's members include carriers, infrastructure providers, and professional services firms.

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networks. To provide the connectivity necessary to meet exponentially increasing data demands, WIA discussed expediting the deployment of small cell infrastructure within the public right-of-way so long as the equipment met defined height and volume limitations to maintain a responsible and transparent foundation in infrastructure deployment. WIA encouraged the FCC to move swiftly on clearing Twilight Towers to further competitive broadband offerings and offer more opportunities for FirstNet collocations. Further, WIA sought adoption of finite timelines to reduce delays along with relief and standardization of Tribal fees, and modernization of the Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). WIA also urged the FCC to eliminate the need to undergo additional historic preservation review for compound expansion within certain parameters.

Consistent with WIA's comments in the above-captioned docket,[2] WIA explained the importance of efforts to improve access to 800 MHz Expansion Band (EB) and Guard Band (GB) channels through open access policies that will maximize use of this spectrum for the benefit of the public. WIA emphasized that the Commission should encourage competition in the EB and GB channels by continuing policies that do not give incumbent operators priority access to available EB or GB channels, which could bar new entrants and deter innovation.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter will be filed via ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

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[2] Reply Comments of the Wireless Infrastructure Association, WP Docket No. 16-261, (filed Dec. 22, 2016).