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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of my company, Broadband Corp regarding the petitions filed by CTIA and T-Mobile regarding proposed changes to the CBRS band.

Broadband Corp is a Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) based in Central Minnesota, we provide High Speed Internet services to over 1000 households in our service area. Our coverage area is primarily rural, where most of our customers have limited choices.

We have service plans ranging from 3 Mbps to 50 Mbps. We have had a 3650 – 3700 license for nearly 10 years. In that time we have invested over $1,000,000 in this band. In preparation for the CBRS band we have invested over $250,000 in existing and new technologies. With an additional $250,000 planed over the next 12 months. This investment is designed with the expansion of the CBRS band in mind and will be capable of utilizing this band as soon as it is available. For a company our size, this is a very substantial investment.

The primary reason for the investment in this technology was the introduction of the CBRS band. Without the CBRS band we will have to limit our investments and subscriber growth to maintain our existing services. The benefits of having an additional 100 MHz of spectrum for our fixed wireless service is very significate in allowing us to provide faster and additional services to new and existing customers. Not only will it allow us to offer higher speeds to our customers, it will help eliminate interference, provide for additional households to receive service in our existing coverage and allow us to deploy the technology in more areas .

Because of the potential for the CBRS band to be modified from it current proposal we now have stopped any further investment in this band until we can be reasonably certain that the CBRS band will be a viable vehicle for our future growth. The fact that one of the petitioners is a major mobile carrier, and the other is an association of mobile carriers I find concerning, these are the same large companies who have collectively increased the costs of spectrum to the point that only large mobile carriers can afford it, pricing spectrum out of range for companies like ours. We feel the FCC’s original intent was to make the CBRS band / spectrum available for some exciting innovation for both large and small companies that has the potential to be a future model for spectrum policy. The changes proposed we believe would eliminate this potential for innovation.

We are very much opposed to both petitions. I am certain that our customers would agree, knowing how adversely these petitions would affect them. Our rural customers deserve to have the choice of providers just like those in large population areas. Please allow us to continue to give them that choice by saying NO to the changes these petitions are requesting.

Sincerely,

Anthony Will

VP

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