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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of our company, Splash Wireless Internet, LLC in regards to the petition filed by T-Mobile and CTIA regarding proposed changes in the CBRS band rules.

We are a Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) located in South Central Missouri, providing High Speed Internet services to 400+ customers in our service area. Our service area is predominantly rural areas that have the choice of our service, cellular internet, satellite, and some areas cable TV.

We have service packages starting at 3/1 Mbps to 300/300 Mbps. We have planned to invest in LTE technology to create a better service for our customers utilizing the existing 3.650-3.700 MHz. We have planned the upgrade beginning this fall, partnering with school districts, city fire, EMS, Police to bring quality affordable Internet to enrolled families of the school district, and 700 MHz public safety to the Public Safety Entities. To date, we have planned on an initial investment of over \$615,000.00 for the CBRS band. This 3.650-3.700 MHz is critical to our operation and the ability to get High Speed Internet to enrolled families of these school districts in our planned coverage areas.

The primary reason for using LTE was the introduction of the CBRS band. This included the benefit of an additional 100 MHz of spectrum for our planned LTE service is a huge benefit to all our customers by helping to eliminate interference and will allow us to deploy in many more areas.

The FCC entertaining the idea of making changes to the CBRS band at this point is very upsetting to us and our approximate 400 customers in the planned service area to be upgraded. The fact that one of the petitioners is a major mobile carrier, and the other is an association of mobile carriers is very disturbing, since these are the large carriers that have collectively increased the costs of spectrum to the point that ONLY large carriers can afford it, pricing companies like WISPs completely out of the market. Now they want to take spectrum that was specifically set aside for companies like WISPs to provide affordable internet to people and school kids in rural areas that the large carriers don't want to provide service to unless they can get a government subsidy to do so.

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If you allow them to succeed, you are just telling the Rural American School Kids and Rural American Families you do not care about them receiving quality affordable internet service, as without this band it becomes even more difficult to provide.

You should be able to tell, we are very much **OPPOSED** to both petitions.

We are very sure our current and proposed customers would agree, knowing how these petitions will adversely affect them.

Please allow us to continue providing our Rural Families quality affordable choice in internet services by saying **NO** to the changes these petitions are requesting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Matthews