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By ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band, GN Docket No. 18-122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 23, 2019, Ross J. Lieberman, ACA Connects – America’s Communications Association (“ACA Connects”), Alexi Maltas, Competitive Carriers Association (“CCA”), and Elizabeth Andrion, Charter Communications, Inc. (“Charter”), met with Chairman Ajit Pai and Aaron Goldberger, Wireless & International Advisor to Chairman Pai, regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

At the meeting, our coalition of competitive and rural cable and wireless companies reiterated that mid-band spectrum is vital to unleashing the power and promise of 5G, and how it is reallocated will have significant impact on our nation’s wireless and broadband future. We discussed our “5G Plus” solution¹ to win the global 5G race. Specifically, we explained that the 5G Plus plan (1) makes available more critical 5G spectrum faster than other current proposals, (2) protects and future-proofs the delivery of pay television programming by transitioning it to fiber delivery, (3) uses auction proceeds to pay for that fiber use and deployment and other purposes to make whole incumbents (including satellite companies), (4) contributes billions of dollars to the U.S. Treasury, and (5) increases broadband deployment by building fiber – including in rural areas.

ACA Connects also discussed the study it commissioned and previously filed with the FCC, illustrating that at least 370 megahertz of C-band spectrum can be cleared in an expedited

¹ See Letter from Ross Lieberman, ACA Connects – America’s Communications Association, Alexi Maltas, Competitive Carriers Association, and Elizabeth Andrion, Charter Communications, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket No. 18-122 (July 2, 2019).

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timeframe for use by next generation wireless services while making whole and incentivizing stakeholders and benefiting the public.²

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

² See Letter from Ross Lieberman, ACA Connects – America’s Communications Association, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket No. 18-122 (July 15, 2019).