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

RE: GN Docket No. 12-354, RM-11778 and RM-11789

Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the County of Bland, Virginia, please accept this letter of concern regarding the petitions filed by T-Mobile and CTIA regarding the proposed changes to the CBRS band.

Bland County is a rural county with limited to no options available for citizens for broadband internet. Due to our limited population, it is not enticing for providers to invest in the infrastructure needed to bring broadband to residents in remote areas. Therefore, the county is working with a wireless internet service provider to make service more available. Together, we are currently working on a wireless broadband project that will bring service of speeds up to 50Mbps to the Hollybrook Community. This project will serve over 350 homes that currently have no access to broadband. Due to the terrain and tree coverage in the area, the provider has chosen to utilize LTE technologies to extend and upgrade their network using their current 3.65ghz light license as well as the hopes of using the CBRS band when it becomes available.

It is our understanding that it's the FCC's current plan to offer PALs in reasonable census block sizes as well as limited terms, thus the main reason for the provider we are working with to make investment in this technology and band. This model gives small companies like them, the opportunity to have quality spectrum in the areas they cover at a cost they can afford. Changing these rules at this point, creates concern, as small localities such as Bland County are dependent on high speed internet now if we are going to grow. It is not a secret, that across rural America, our population numbers are rapidly dwindling. In order for small localities to become inviting for people to move to, the availability of high speed internet is essential.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Sincerely,

Eric R. Workman, Ed.D.
County Administrator