**Ex Parte**

August 6, 2019

Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street SW

Washington, DC 20554

*Re: Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission’s Rules for Unlicensed Operations in the Television Bands, Repurposed 600 MHz Band, 600 MHz Guard Bands and Duplex Gap, and Channel 37*, ET Docket No. 14-165 and RM-11840; *Promoting Spectrum Access for Wireless Microphone Operations*, GN Docket No. 14-166

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On August 2, 2019, Paula Boyd and Vickie Robinson of Microsoft Corporation; Henry Wendel of Cooley LLP; Paul Margie of Harris, Wiltshire and Grannis LLP; and I met with Aaron Goldberger, Wireless & International Advisor for Chairman Ajit Pai and Alexander Sanjenis, Media Advisor for Chairman Pai. Microsoft provided an update on its Airband project that has established partnerships in 24 states with the goal of serving at least three million rural unserved people by 2022. We discussed Microsoft’s petition for rulemaking, which proposes improvements to the Commission’s White Spaces rules. While narrow, these proposals would significantly improve the rules’ ability to support rural broadband connectivity. We highlighted the record’s strong support for proceeding expeditiously with a notice of proposed rulemaking on the topics covered in Microsoft’s petition. We also reiterated the arguments raised in our comments in the Commission’s wireless microphone proceeding.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Please do not hesitate to contact me should any questions arise.

Sincerely,



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1. *See* Comments of Microsoft Corporation, GN Docket No. 14-166 (filed October 2, 2017). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)