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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Amendment of Parts 1, 21, 73, 74 and 101 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Provision of Fixed and Mobile Broadband Access, Educational and Other Advanced Services in the 2150-2162 and 2500-2690 MHz Bands – NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules to report that on August 14, 2018, Dr. Fritz Erickson, Mr. Gavin Leach and Ms. Deanna Hemmila, representing Northern Michigan University (NMU), met with Chairman Ajit Pai regarding the above-referenced proceeding but more specifically, NMU's experience in providing educational broadband to rural communities in Upper Michigan. We discussed how effective collaborations between Universities and local community partners are bringing affordable broadband to unserved and underserved communities in this region and the important role that appropriate planning plays in designing wireless broadband projects that are viable and sustainable over the long-term. Pursuant to Sections 1.1206(b)(2) and 1.49(f) of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed electronically with the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gavin Leach

Gavin Leach
Vice President, Finance & Administration