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August 22, 2018

Honorable Brendan Carr
Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Commissioner Carr:

Thanks to a changing and more diverse economy, St. Clair County is increasingly able to provide quality jobs and improving living standards for our residents. We have accomplished this by overcoming real-world problems with practical solutions — or as Crain's Detroit Business recently put it, "A collaborative approach to economic development pays off for St. Clair County."

The FCC can do its part to help St. Clair County continue our forward-looking efforts by supporting policies that encourage the rapid deployment of better and faster wireless Internet service. Specifically, we support the Commission's effort at its September 2018 meeting to speed deployment of 5G mobile Internet service, which will create new opportunities for economic growth, home healthcare and an overall better quality of life.

An important step in this process is for the Commission to streamline the process for deploying the small-cell technology. Smaller communities such as those located in St. Clair County would benefit by having the Commission reduce the costly and unnecessary fees that some larger communities place on small cells as a condition of deployment. These fees, wholly disproportionate to any cost, put communities like ours at an unfair disadvantage.

By making small cell deployment less expensive, the FCC will send a clear message that all communities, regardless of size, should share in the benefits of this crucial new technology.

Thank you for remembering St. Clair County's mobile Internet needs as you consider this issue at the FCC's September meeting.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bohm
Chairman