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Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Wireless Dkt. No. 17-79 (Ex Parte Submission)

Dear Commissioner Carr:

I want to thank you for leading the Commission's effort to remove local government-imposed impediments to deploying wireless infrastructure, and I also want to thank the Chairman and the other two Commissioners for making this project a top FCC priority. Removing local impediments to wireless infrastructure deployment deserves to be a Commission priority since a massive transition to 5G service in the wireless industry is about to begin -- a transition which will require installation, among other things, of hundreds of thousands of new wireless transmitters and a huge amount of backhaul and other types of cabling.

Vermeer has a special interest in this matter given that our company's nearly 3,000 employees (most of whom are located in the United States) manufacture many types of heavy equipment -- such as trenchers, plows, directional drills, and rockwheels -- that are used by wireless carriers and their contractors to install backhaul and other types of wireless infrastructure.

We look forward to the Commission's early action to remove locally-imposed impediments to wireless infrastructure deployment.

Sincerely,

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Senior Director Government Affairs
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cc: Honorable Ajit Pai
Honorable Michael O'Rielly
Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel

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