

September 5th, 2018

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:

For over 17 years, my company has helped build networks for wireless carriers. I write to let you know that we are encouraged by the announcement in your September 4th Indianapolis speech that the Commission plans to vote September 25th on a plan to eliminate some harmful municipally imposed barriers to the deployment of small cell infrastructure. According to the text of your speech, the Commission's September 25 vote will be, among other things, on whether to -

- adopt new rules that make sure locally imposed fees for the review of small cell deployment applications do not exceed the cost to the local government of reviewing those applications, and
- require municipalities either to approve or disapprove an application to attach small cells to an existing structure within 60 days and within 90 days for an application to build new small cell poles.

These proposals are encouraging since we are now in the beginning stages of the next evolution of cellular service technology. The push for 5G will require that wireless carriers and their contractors deploy infrastructure for an estimated 800,000 new small cells in the next decade. Undertaking this massive transition with the prevailing bureaucratic and costly local application policies, including those the Commission apparently hopes to eliminate in its September 25th order, would add many extra years to the deployment cycle times and make that process much more expensive to the detriment of cell phone customers.

We look forward to the Commission's September 25th vote.

Sincerely,



Jeff Lewis, President & Founder
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Cc: Ajit Pai, Chairman
Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner