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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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RE: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to
Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket 17-79.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 10, 2018, Richard Rossi, General Counsel, U.S. Tower Division of American Tower Corporation (“American Tower”), Becca Gould, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, American Tower, Liz Hill, Vice President for State and Local Affairs, American Tower, and the undersigned spoke by phone with Will Adams, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Brendan Carr. During the call, American Tower expressed its support for the Draft Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order, FCC-CIRC 1809-02, released on September 5, 2018 (“Draft Order”). American Tower particularly welcomed the Draft Order’s provisions preserving local governments’ ability to address aesthetic concerns, its adoption of shorter shot clocks for small wireless facilities and its codification and clarification of Section 332 shot clocks applicable to small cells and macro sites. American Tower had advocated for such outcomes as they help balance the need to accelerate infrastructure deployment with local government concerns and will encourage use of collocation.¹

Given the important role that macro towers play in the deployment of wireless broadband services, including 5G services, particularly in suburban and rural areas, American Tower discussed the need to next address issues that are causing unnecessary delays and increasing the costs of collocating on towers.

¹ Letter From Richard Rossi, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, U.S. Tower Div. of American Tower, and Mneesha Nahata, Vice President, Corporate Legal Finance and Risk Management, American Tower, to Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WT Docket 17-79 (filed Aug. 10, 2018) (August 10th Ex Parte).

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Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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