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Commissioner Brendan Carr  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Re: *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79; Streamlining Deployment of Small Cell Infrastructure by Improving Wireless Siting Policies, WT Docket No. 16-421*

Dear Commissioner Carr:

As Sheriff of Butte County, South Dakota, the safety and welfare of Butte County residents and visitors is my main focus. I commend the FCC for taking actions to eliminate regulatory barriers to constructing needed new wireless facilities, because expanded wireless broadband will benefit the safety and welfare of all Butte County residents and visitors.

The benefits of advanced wireless broadband services will be two-fold. First, they will touch every aspect of daily life and each sector of our economy. They will create new jobs, enable better access to quality healthcare, and improve education opportunities. As the economic condition of a community improves, crime tends to decrease, resulting in a safer community. Second, advanced wireless broadband services will dramatically change the way in which public safety communicates and responds in the event of a crime or an emergency. Tools such as online crime reporting, more advanced home security, and gunshot detection systems are just a few of the new crime-fighting tools that are being introduced thanks to faster and better connectivity. New technologies that we have not yet even imagined will only allow the precision and efficiency in which we respond to improve.

While the Commission's actions to-date have lowered some barriers to deployment, it is critical that the Commission continue to remove those barriers to reduce the costs of building new wireless infrastructure by requiring regulatory fees to be based on costs, setting reasonable timelines to review applications, and prohibiting unreasonable restrictions on deployment. Reducing deployment costs will particularly benefit rural areas such as Butte County by freeing up more investment capital which will then be available for those areas. I thus support your proposal and urge that you continue to promote faster deployment of the services that will clearly benefit our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred A. Lamphere".

Fred A. Lamphere  
Butte County Sheriff