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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, District of Columbia 20554

RE: Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84; Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska writes to express its concerns about the Federal Communications Commission's proposed Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order regarding state and local governance of small cell wireless infrastructure deployment.

The City of Lincoln has a strong track record of partnering with broadband providers. In 2012, the City of Lincoln invested public funds in building a fiber conduit network in our community. The goal was to attract broadband providers and investment by greatly reducing the cost of constructing in the public Right-of-Way (ROW) and improving the speed to market. Following the city's actions, more than \$220 million in privately-owned broadband infrastructure has been deployed in our community. These investments are directly attributed to Lincoln's nationally recognized model of "broadband deployment through partnership."

While we appreciate the Commission's efforts to engage with local governments on this issue and share the Commission's goal of ensuring the growth of cutting-edge broadband services for all Americans, we remain deeply concerned about several provisions of this proposal. Local governments have an important responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents, and we are concerned that these preemptive measures compromise that traditional authority and expose wireless infrastructure providers to unnecessary liability.

