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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band, GN Docket No. 18-122

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 6-7, 2019, Greg Romano and I met with Will Adams in Commissioner Carr's office, Bill Davenport in Commissioner Starks's office, Erin McGrath in Commissioner O'Rielly's office, and Umair Javed in Commissioner Rosenworcel's office to emphasize how important it is for the Commission to move quickly in this docket to promote 5G deployment in the United States.

We discussed the October 29th submission by AT&T Services, Inc., Bluegrass Cellular, the C-Band Alliance, Pine Belt Wireless, U.S. Cellular, and Verizon identifying key principles to guide an auction of C-band spectrum.¹ We also explained why a private market transaction structure, using those key principles, would be the quickest way to repurpose the C-Band to open up more mid-band spectrum for 5G deployment. The availability of mid-band spectrum for 5G is critical to ensuring that the United States does not fall behind China and is the global leader on 5G.

Sincerely,

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cc: Will Adams
Bill Davenport
Erin McGrath
Umair Javed

¹ Ex Parte Letter from AT&T, Bluegrass Cellular, C-Band Alliance, Pine Belt Wireless, US Cellular and Verizon to Marlene Dortch, FCC, *Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band*, GN Docket No. 18-122 (Oct. 29, 2019).