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Ex Parte

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

Re: Restoring Internet Freedom, WC Docket No. 17-108; Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment, WT Docket No. 17-79; Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment, WC Docket No. 17-84; Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Radio Services, GN Docket No. 14-177, IB Docket No. 15-256, WT Docket No. 10-112, and IB Docket No. 97-95.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 6, 2017, Kathleen Grillo, Senior Vice President Public Policy and Government Affairs, met with Commissioner Brendan Carr, and his Chief of Staff, Jaime Susskind, about the above referenced proceedings. In particular, consistent with the Commission's proposals in the *Restoring Internet Freedom* Notice,¹ Ms. Grillo expressed Verizon's continued support for the open Internet and our concern that Title II regulation of broadband services is harmful to investment and innovation. The Commission should ensure that any regulatory framework that applies to broadband Internet access services recognizes that these services are inherently interstate, and prevent states and localities from undermining the Commission's national light-touch framework with a patchwork of contrary state or local regulations.

Ms. Grillo also discussed the continued importance of the Commission's work to support the development of 5G technologies. First, the pending draft orders in the wireline and wireless dockets² are helpful in the Commission's ongoing efforts to remove barriers to efficiently

¹ See *Restoring Internet Freedom*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 32 FCC Rcd 4434 (2017) ("Notice").

² See *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [as circulated], WC Docket No. 17-79, FCCCIRC1711-04 (circ. Oct. 26, 2017); *Accelerating*

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deploying small cells and fiber – both necessary for increased broadband deployment. Going forward, she also emphasized that additional streamlining of regulatory requirements and restrictions will further spur the launch of 5G. Second, she noted Verizon’s appreciation for the Commission’s ongoing work to unleash millimeter wave spectrum for 5G use. She also encouraged the Commission to reject further concessions to the satellite industry that might unnecessarily burden 5G deployment.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katharine Saunders", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: Commissioner Brendan Carr
Jaime Susskind