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

**Re: Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band, GN Docket No. 18-122;  
Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band, ET Docket No. 18-295**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 14, 2019, Hans Vestberg, Verizon's Chairman & CEO; Craig Silliman, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative, Legal and Public Policy Officer; and I met with Chairman Ajit Pai and his legal advisor, Aaron Goldberger. During the meeting, we discussed the importance of mid-band spectrum as the United States seeks to maintain international competitiveness and win the global race to 5G, and the industry's need for speed and certainty concerning the mid-band spectrum that will be made available.

We urged the FCC to quickly conclude its C-Band proceeding in order to repurpose hundreds of megahertz of spectrum for 5G. Whether the Commission ultimately decides to pursue a private or public auction for C-Band, the Commission should act to facilitate an auction early next year to give the stakeholders certainty that this prime mid-band spectrum will be available for 5G operations. Equally important, the Commission should ensure that appropriate incentives and protections are in place for a speedy clearing process for this spectrum – within 18-36 months from the time of an FCC order – while also avoiding undue disruption to existing users reliant on current C-Band operations.

We also reiterated that the Commission should continue to look for additional sources of mid-band spectrum beyond the C-Band. For example, the Commission should consider auctioning the upper portion of the 6 GHz band for licensed use in order to further promote the development and deployment of 5G.

Sincerely,

cc: Chairman Pai  
Aaron Goldberger