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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex Parte Notification, *Restoring Internet Freedom*, WT Docket No. 17-108

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 20, 2017, I met separately with Chairman Ajit Pai and his wireline advisor Jay Schwarz; Commissioner Brendan Carr and his chief of staff Jamie Susskind; Brooke Ericson, chief of staff for Commissioner Michael O’Rielly; and Amy Bender, legal advisor for Commissioner O’Rielly, to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding. On November 21, 2017, I discussed the same matters by phone with Commissioner Michael O’Rielly.

During these meetings, I reiterated the points made in my recently filed Congressional testimony. In particular, I urged the Commission to conclude that broadband Internet access is inherently an interstate information service and to use its statutory authority to preempt states and localities from adopting laws that conflict with federal policy or that create a patchwork of inconsistent regulations that would undermine broadband deployment and slow innovation.¹ By taking such action, the FCC will allow the Federal Trade Commission to do its job and subject broadband Internet access services to the light-touch regulatory regime unfettered by state and local laws that allowed the internet to thrive.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, this is being filed via ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

¹ *Net Neutrality and the Role of Antitrust, Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 115th Cong. (Nov. 1, 2017) (Statement of the Hon. Robert M. McDowell, Chief Public Policy Advisor, Mobile Future), attached to Letter from Margaret McCarthy, Executive Director, Mobile Future, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 17-708 (Nov. 2, 2017), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/11021926227652>.



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