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

Re: Ex Parte Presentation, *Restoring Internet Freedom*, WC Docket No. 17-108.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of CTIA, Scott Bergmann and Matthew Gerst met with Claude Aiken of Commissioner Clyburn's office and with Amy Bender and Erin McGrath of Commissioner O'Rielly's office on November 30, and with Rachael Bender and Jay Schwarz of Chairman Pai's office, and with Umair Javed of Commissioner Rosenworcel's office on December 1, regarding the above-captioned proceeding. During these meetings, CTIA reiterated that America's wireless providers are committed to delivering an open Internet through mobile wireless services, and expressed support for the draft *Restoring Internet Freedom Order (Draft Order)*.

Specifically, CTIA explained that the *Draft Order* will restore the bipartisan light touch regulatory framework that existed since the inception of Internet service until 2015. In doing so, the *Draft Order* will help incent greater investment into mobile broadband networks, provide mobile wireless providers the flexibility to respond to competition and consumer demand with innovative products and services, and ensure that the U.S. continues to lead the world in mobile wireless services.

CTIA also highlighted how the *Draft Order* will preserve an open Internet for all Americans and provides robust protections for consumers and Internet-based providers. The *Draft Order* properly recognizes the key role that a competitive mobile wireless marketplace plays in preserving an open Internet. The transparency rule in the *Draft Order*, moreover, will enable consumers and entrepreneurs to make informed decisions when choosing broadband Internet access services.



Under the *Draft Order*, consumers and Internet-based providers will also be protected by the Federal Trade Commission Act (which guards against unfair and deceptive practices) and federal antitrust law (which guards against certain abuses of market power). The *Draft Order* likewise preserves generally applicable state laws involving such matters as fraud (e.g., truth-in-advertising) and commercial practices.

By adopting the *Restoring Internet Freedom Order*, the Commission can restore the long-standing bipartisan light touch regulatory framework over broadband Internet access services that did, and will again, foster Internet freedom and openness through competition, consumer demand and tried-and-true consumer protection and antitrust laws.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott K. Bergmann

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