December 6, 2017

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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; *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WT Docket No. 17-79.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 4, 5, and 6, 2017, CTIA President and CEO Meredith Attwell Baker and Scott Bergmann of CTIA met with Chairman Ajit Pai, Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner Michael O’Rielly, and Commissioner Brendan Carr, and representatives of their respective offices to discuss the above-captioned proceedings. A full list of meeting attendees is attached to this filing.

During the 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*. Consistent with its prior comments,[[1]](#footnote-2) CTIA asked the Commission to restore the bipartisan light-touch regulatory framework that existed since the inception of Internet service until 2015, and expressed support for the draft order’s conclusion that broadband Internet access services should be governed by a uniform set of federal regulations, rather than by a patchwork of separate state and local requirements. In so doing, the Commission 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 expressed support for the Commission’s efforts to modernize processes for the deployment of wireless broadband infrastructure, which are key to facilitating the investments in next-generation wireless services. Consistent with past comments,[[2]](#footnote-3) CTIA encouraged the Commission to move forward with its proposal to resolve the long-outstanding Twilight Tower issue by excluding collocations on Twilight Towers from routine historic preservation review and declining to initiate enforcement actions against underlying towers that were constructed in good faith.[[3]](#footnote-4) CTIA supports this item, which recognizes the unique regulatory conditions that fostered the creation of Twilight Towers, the lack of evidence of adverse effects from Twilight Towers, and the public interest benefits of making these facilities available for collocation to support expanded 4G LTE coverage, next-generation 5G networks, and FirstNet.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Scott K. Bergmann*

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Claude Aiken

Amy Bender

Rachael Bender

Brooke Ericson

Nirali Patel

Jamie Susskind

**ATTACHMENT**

**December 4, 2017**

Meeting with Office of Chairman Ajit Pai

Chairman Ajit Pai

Rachael Bender, FCC

Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA

Scott Bergmann, CTIA

**December 5, 2017**

Meeting with Office of Commissioner Brendan Carr

Jamie Susskind, FCC

Nirali Patel, FCC

Jeffrey Westling, FCC

Scott Bergmann, CTIA

**December 6, 2017**

Meeting with Office of Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Claude Aiken

Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA

Scott Bergmann, CTIA

Meeting with Office of Commissioner Brendan Carr

Commissioner Brendan Carr

Jamie Susskind

Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA

Scott Bergmann, CTIA

Meeting with Office of Commissioner Michael O’Rielly

Commissioner Michael O’Rielly

Brooke Ericson, FCC

Amy Bender, FCC

Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA

Scott Bergmann, CTIA

1. *See* Letter from Scott K. Bergmann, CTIA, to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 17-108 (Dec. 4, 2017). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *See* Joint Comments of CTIA and the Wireless Infrastructure Association, WT Docket No. 17-79 (filed Jun. 15, 2017); Joint Reply Comments of CTIA and the Wireless Infrastructure Association, WT Docket No. 17-79 (filed Jul. 17, 2017). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *See Comment Sought on Draft Program Comment for the Federal Communications Commission’s Review of Collocations on Certain Towers Constructed Without Section 106 Review*, Public Notice, FCC-CIRC1712-03 (draft rel. Nov. 22, 2017) (“Public Notice”); *see also Draft Program Comment for the Federal Communications Commission’s Review of Collocations on Certain Towers Constructed Without Section 106 Review* (“Draft Program Comment”) (attached to Public Notice). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)