December 13, 2017

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20006

IN RE: ET Docket No. 17-352  
 Request for Waiver filed by Echodyne Corp.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The U.S. Border Patrol has reviewed the Request for Waiver filed by Echodyne Corp to gain FCC approval for deploying ground-based radar devices in the 24 GHz band for radiolocation applications. We would like to provide our support for Echodyne’s request and ask the FCC work expeditiously to approve this waiver.

The U.S. Border Patrol is responsible for securing America’s borders and believes that the Echodyne radar can play a role in detecting illicit cross-border activity in the land and air domains.

Our group has been working with Echodyne to assess the capabilities of its radar products and believe that the technology holds great promise for helping us meet our mission critical objectives in a cost-effective manner. The radars offer flexible deployment options that are of key interest to our organization and we are anxious to gain operational experience with these devices to determine the best way that they can be used to help us protect property and people. We therefore ask that the FCC work with the appropriate Federal agencies to ensure that this security and counter UAS technology is made available for use as quickly as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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