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EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as Amended by the Broadband Data Improvement Act, GN Docket No. 14-126

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 13, 2015, William Johnson and I of Verizon met with Renee Gregory, Legal Advisor to Chairman Wheeler and separately with Rebekah Goodheart, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn. During the meetings, we discussed issues related to the proposed large increase to the speed that constitutes broadband from 4/1 Mbps to 25/3 Mbps.

We explained that broadband is being deployed in a reasonable and timely fashion, and that the Commission should answer the Section 706 inquiry accordingly. We encouraged the Commission to ensure that its assessment of broadband deployment fully reflects the expanding range of choices now available to consumers, including mobile Internet access services. The previous report erred by discounting this important source of broadband connectivity that is being widely embraced by consumers, and, particularly with the widespread availability of 4G LTE, the Commission's analysis should reflect the widespread deployment of these services. Also we discussed the inconsistency between the broadband speeds recently adopted in the Connect America Fund order and those proposed for use in the Section 706 report.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie McCready".

cc: Renee Gregory
Rebekah Goodheart