



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

Mike O'Rielly
Commissioner

March 2, 2015

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *City of Wilson, Petition for Preemption of North Carolina General Statute Sections 160A-340 et. seq., WC Docket No. 14-115*

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On February 27, 2015, counsel to the City of Wilson, North Carolina filed a letter regarding their ex parte meeting with me and my staff. During that meeting, we discussed a number of state restrictions on municipal broadband that had been summarized in an FCC filing by the Coalition for Local Internet Choice (CLIC). I was preparing a blog posting, and I wanted to understand their views on such restrictions. I noted that many of these requirements, such as public hearing and voting requirements, seemed like common sense practices. During the course of that discussion, the City of Wilson said that they could live with such requirements. The City's primary focus was on the territorial restriction, which I said we did not have authority to pre-empt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "m o'rielly".

Michael P. O'Rielly