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Re: Expanding Access to Broadband and Encouraging Innovation through Establishment of an Air-Ground Mobile Broadband Secondary Service for Passengers Aboard Aircraft in the 14.0-14.5 GHz Band, GN Docket No.13-114; RM-11640

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to express the Airline Passenger Experience Association's support for the FCC's proposed spectrum auction for 14GHz air-ground bandwidth service. APEX supports all safe technologies and solutions that positively affect the industry, improve services to airline passengers and generally enhance passenger experience.

As the Commission and multiple parties have noted, demand for in-flight broadband continues to grow at a rapid pace as passengers increasingly demand high-speed connectivity. Indeed, passengers rely on our industry to provide the safest, most comfortable in-flight experience possible. We are committed to that goal and believe greater in-flight communications capabilities will enhance the flight experience for passengers and crew.

As an industry dedicated to consumer security and service, APEX members are continually upgrading onboard products based on customer demand and safety considerations. Our industry substantially invests in the purchase and installation of state-of-the-art broadband technologies. Expanding spectrum capacity for air-ground service will better allow our investment to serve all those that fly and work on our aircraft.

The Airline Passenger Experience Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization and network of the world's leading airlines, suppliers and related companies committed to elevating the level of the airline passenger experience. We appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter and look forward to seeing the traveling public realise the benefits anticipated from the auction.

Sincerely,

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