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**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Use of Spectrum Bands Above 24 GHz for Mobile Radio Services, GN Docket No. 14-177; Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 13, 2016, Craig Silliman, Executive Vice President – Public Policy and General Counsel of Verizon and I met with separately with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and Johanna Thomas of her office; Commissioner Michael O’Reilly, and Amy Bender and Erin McGrath of his office; Commissioner Ajit Pai and Brendan Carr of his office; and Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and Louis Peraertz, Rebekah Goodheart, Karl Gerner and Anna Gentry of her office.

In the meetings Mr. Silliman emphasized the importance to the U.S. economy and U.S. consumer of the Commission acting quickly to make the spectrum bands above 24 GHz available for mobile broadband. Verizon agrees with the Commission’s primary proposal to grant flexible use rights to existing terrestrial licensees in the 28 GHz and 39 GHz bands and to auction the FCC-held licenses in those bands. Mr. Silliman encouraged the Commission to move quickly to adopt an order and to make this spectrum available for 5G deployments. He reiterated Verizon’s commitment to be the first U.S. company to roll out 5G wireless technology and described Verizon’s work with its 5G Technology Forum partners, including its plans to field test 5G in early 2016.

Mr. Silliman also discussed the Connect America Fund, and noted the importance of such programs providing flexibility to participants to attract a wide range of fixed and mobile broadband providers.

Sincerely,

CC    Johanna Thomas    Amy Bender    Erin McGrath    Brendan Carr  
      Louis Peraertz    Rebekah Goodheart    Karl Gerner    Anna Gentry