

February 7, 2008

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Presentation*

PS Docket No. 06-229; WT Docket Nos. 96-86, 05-194, 06-150, 06-169, 07-71, 08-7; RM-11361; CC Docket No. 96-45; WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 07-52

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, February 6, 2008, Steve Largent, President and CEO, Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Paul Garnett, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Brian Josef, Director, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA – The Wireless Association®, met with Commissioner Robert McDowell, Angela Giancarlo, Legal Advisor to the Commissioner and Brian Scarpelli, Legal Intern, to provide an overview and update of advances in the United States wireless market. During the meeting, CTIA discussed the attached presentations, including two recent written *ex partes*, that detail the state of the U.S. wireless industry in relation to the rest of the OECD's top ten countries by GDP and the contributions of the U.S. wireless industry to the American economy. The statistics presented in these filings show that American consumers are getting more wireless services for less money than in any other country. The filings also show that U.S. wireless carriers are constantly adapting to changes in consumer demand – in the areas of pricing, handset options, access to data, and video services.

CTIA presented statistics on the availability of wireless handsets to American consumers. Despite the contentions of consumer groups, American consumers have their choice of literally hundreds of wireless devices, far surpassing the number available to consumers in other countries. Wireless carriers in the United States offer customers a staggering variety of devices, with a wide array of options at affordable prices.

The facts demonstrate how the well-functioning, competitive United States wireless market continues to deliver incredible benefits to consumers. The examples provided also demonstrate the accelerating rate of innovation occurring in the United States wireless market. Moreover, these examples show that concerns about consumer access to devices and applications are quickly being addressed in the competitive marketplace. CTIA urges the Commission to consider these factors as it reviews a variety of proposals to impose burdensome economic regulation on the U.S. wireless market.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter and the presentations given are being filed via ECFS with your office. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chris Guttman-McCabe

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Attachments

cc: Commissioner Robert McDowell
Angela Giancarlo
Brian Scarpelli