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**VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ***Notice of Ex Parte Communication,***  
**WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-137**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Holly Henderson of SouthernLINC Wireless, Isaac Himowitz of Kelley Drye & Warren, and I met with Irene Flannery and Carol Matthey of the Federal Communications Commission's Broadband Team on behalf of the Universal Service for America Coalition.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Himowitz and I were able to attend the meeting in person, while Ms. Henderson joined us via telephone.

During the meeting, we discussed the relationship between broadband deployment and universal service. We also discussed the appropriate perspective for considering long-term universal service reform, and the importance of ensuring that any reform is technologically and competitively neutral. Setting arbitrary requirements with respect to speed or type of service would only inhibit the deployment of broadband and voice services in rural areas. We also provided copies of the attached letter to Chairman Genachowski.

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<sup>1</sup> The USA Coalition consists of four of the nation's leading rural providers of wireless services, and is dedicated to advancing regulatory policies that will enable Americans to enjoy the full promise and potential of wireless communications, regardless of where they live and work. The members of the USA Coalition include Carolina West Wireless, Mobi PCS, SouthernLINC Wireless, and Thumb Cellular LLC.

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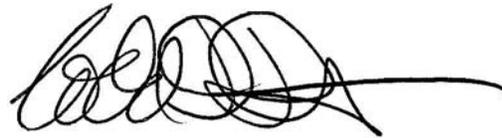
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Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd D. Daubert', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Todd D. Daubert  
*Counsel for the USA Coalition*

cc: Carol Matthey  
Irene Flannery