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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TWA325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications of the District of Columbia Government – Office of the Chief Technology Officer for Temporary Spectrum Use for Experimental Purposes

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The State of Maryland is pleased to offer its support for the Commission to issue an Experimental License to the District of Columbia to operate wireless fixed stations and mobile/portable user equipment supporting broadband “Long Term Evolution” (“LTE”) technology in the 700 MHz frequency band. Maryland has been working with the District’s Office of Chief Technology Officer (“OCTO”) in the development of a program to demonstrate and evaluate broadband interoperability and we believe that the granting of this Experimental License is important to further research and development of this critical public safety communications technology. In furtherance of this important research program, Maryland endorses operation of the Experimental License on frequencies 758-768 and 788-798 megahertz and concurs with the District operating these stations in Maryland, subject to the mutual coordination.

The State looks forward to working with OCTO, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the Commission to identify the issues critical to the successful operation of public safety wireless broadband technology. Further, the State believes that it is in the public interest for the Commission to issue this operating authority to the District. Maryland’s endorsement of the District’s application is contingent upon the approval of the Public Safety Spectrum Trust as well as compliance with the provisions of previous Commission Orders regarding public safety wireless broadband service in the 700 MHz frequency band.

Respectfully submitted,

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