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VIA ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM (ECFS)

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

Notice of Ex Parte Communication

Re: Acceleration of Broadband Deployment by Improving Wireless Facilities Siting Practices, WT Docket no. 13-238; Acceleration of Broadband Deployment: Expanding the Reach and Reducing the Cost of Broadband Deployment by Improving Policies Regarding Public Right of Way and Wireless Facilities Siting, WC Docket No. 11-59; and 2012 Biennial Review of Telecommunications Regulations, WT Docket No. 13-32

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 6, 2014, the undersigned, along with NATOA Board of Directors members Brian Roberts, Jodie Miller, Catharine Rice, Lori Sherwood, and former Board member Ken Fellman, met to discuss the above-referenced proceedings with Renee Gregory, Legal Advisor, Engineering and Technology, Wireless, and Incentive Auction, to Chairman Tom Wheeler.

During the meeting, we discussed the comments filed in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NRPM"). We urged that no formal action be taken and that the Commission instead expand upon its earlier issued informal guidance on Section 6409. Recognizing, however, that the Commission may very well issue some formal rules - even though we believe there is a lack of data supporting such action – we echoed our filed comments in asserting that any such rules be narrowly drawn and to avoid "one-size-fits-all" rules. Expansive rules, we argued, would raise serious Tenth Amendment concerns.

We expressed our desire to continue working with the Commission on siting issues and to work cooperatively with industry to help ensure the efficient deployment of wireless

infrastructure. While efforts with industry to draft wireless siting best practices were put on hold due to the release of the NPRM, we voiced our optimism that these discussions would begin anew now that opening and reply comments have been filed in this proceeding.

Also, we noted that there appears to be general agreement among the commenters that local governments may require the filing of an application with an eligible facilities request pursuant to Section 6409 and adherence to objective structural and safety codes. While there is no agreement on what information may or may not be required in such an application or what codes or other requirements may need to be complied with, we stated our willingness to meet with industry in an effort to resolve these questions.

This letter is being filed electronically pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/Stephen Traylor

Executive Director
NATOA

cc: Renee Gregory