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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT 14-17; Cricket 700 MHz wireless license

Dear FCC:

As the minister of Lincoln United Methodist Church, the members of my congregation and I support FCC initiatives to enable the deployment of more mobile broadband services to Chicago's heavily populated underserved neighborhoods. Allowing such services to be deployed on the 700 MHz A-Block frequencies referenced in the regulatory matter before the FCC appears to be a significant opportunity to make progress on those initiatives. As such, we strongly support this effort.

It is easy to assume that many of the members of our congregation may not understand how spectrum is relevant to our lives; however, I must tell you that we clearly comprehend how we are consistently among the "left-behind" when it comes to benefitting from the technological advances that seem to be a given to the more-affluent of our country. We're not rural, but we certainly are sympathetic to the similar, less-than-desirable plight so many of our rural counterparts face when it comes to mobile broadband connectivity. Let me also be clear in suggesting that there's no reason they OR the families we serve should be treated differently than the citizens of much larger, urban areas where broadband is more readily accessible.

When weighing the pros and cons of this matter, please strongly consider the significant public benefit the use of this spectrum for mobile broadband would provide Chicago at-large and the underserved in particular. For the frequent work we do out in the community it would be hugely beneficial to us to have access to a reliable connection that can improve the services we bring to those that need it the most. Right now, those kinds of connections aren't quite there, but we are hopeful that the FCC's swift deployment of these frequencies will ultimately help us help others.

Thank you again for looking out for the underserved.

Sincerely,



Rev Walter L Coleman