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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT 14-17; CRICKET 700 MHZ SPECTRUM LICENSE

Dear members of the Federal Communications Commission:

We appreciate your consideration in a very important issue to our community. On behalf of Kuumba Lynx, a youth development arts making organization located in Chicago, I am writing in support of Cricket's petition to enable the provision of mobile broadband services on its 700 MHz spectrum. For nearly two decades, Kuumba Lynx provides programming across the city to 1500+ youths and their families annually. Ninety percent of our participants are students of color who hail from low- to moderate-income families. Additionally we host two performance ensembles apprenticeships in three communities, Uptown, Little Village and Austin. Last year KLPE members provided nearly one hundred and ten performances to an audience of more than 10,000 members of our communities. Last year we produced seven public cultural events for at least 14,500 additional participants.

In working with youths and promoting cross-culture dialogue as a resident of the unique melting-pot that is Chicago and Co Director of Kuumba Lynx, I strongly believe easing current and future congestion on the mobile networks that help bind our communities via the Internet is an issue of immeasurable public interest.

Whether it is streaming the music we love dancing to or live streaming our inspiring youth performances, mobile broadband can help communicate and amplify our organization's pro-community values throughout Chicago. As this may not yet be really feasible in urban areas around our city, I urge the FCC to enable such capacity; activating Cricket's 700 MHz spectrum is a good next step that should be expedited as quickly as possible.

Thank you for considering how this spectrum will benefit youths, culture and communities in urban Chicago.

Sincerely,

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Jaquanda Villegas
Co Director
Kuumba Lynx