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Re: WT Docket No. 13-301

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 18, 2014, representatives of the Safety and Security in the Air Coalition (“SSAC”) continued their meeting with Louis Peraertz, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, which began on July 16. The SSAC representatives who attended the meeting on July 18 were Stephen Schembs, Chris Witkowski and Dinkar Mokadam from the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA. Denny Dillard from the Dillard Group International (DGI), and the undersigned, who is counsel for members of the SSAC, also attended the meeting. An ex parte filing was previously submitted in connection with the July 16th meeting with Mr. Paraertz.

At the July 18th meeting, Mr. Paraertz asked whether there were safety issues (in addition to the security issues discussed at the July 16th meeting) that would arise from removal of the long-standing ban on using cell phones for voice and data on flights. In response to this question, the SSAC representatives discussed the potential for air rage if passengers are using their cell phones, as well as the risk that important safety instructions will not be heard by passengers preoccupied by such use. In addition, SSAC representatives discussed that flight attendants will often be diverted from their primary duties of ensuring the safety and security of the airplane cabin and acting as the last line of defense to protect the cockpit if the ban is removed.

Sincerely,



Alan G. Fishel

CC: Louis Peraertz