

September 19, 2018

VIA ECFS

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Notice: WT Docket No. 17-79; WC Docket No. 17-84; WC Docket No. 18-141*

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On September 18, 2018, the undersigned from INCOMPAS had a phone conversation with Will Adams of Commissioner Carr's office and, on September 19, 2018, met separately with Rachael Bender of Chairman Pai's office, Erin McGrath of Commissioner O'Rielly's office and Umair Javed of Commission Rosenworcel's office. The conversations were regarding the draft Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order on *Streamlining Deployment of Next Generation Wireless Infrastructure*.¹

We are in a global race to the future. The buildout of 5G networks requires massive deployment of small cells. INCOMPAS members, the competitive providers, are deploying small cells and building the fiber networks needed to support the technological advancements of the future. As such, INCOMPAS supports the Commission actions in this draft item to reduce certain fees to reasonable cost-based levels and the establishment of shot clocks for the deployment of small wireless facilities. Such actions advance the deployment of new networks.²

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ FCC-CIRC1809-02.

² In the meeting with Mr. Javed, in response to a question on deployment, I noted that other proceedings also would impact competitive deployment of fiber networks. In particular, while the adoption of this item will be a big step forward, if the pending forbearance petition of USTelecom were granted it would be a major step backward for broadband deployment.