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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St SW  
Washington, DC 20554-0004

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to express interest in the modification application of OneWeb to adjust its low-Earth orbit, non-geostationary orbit ("NGSO") satellite constellation.

OneWeb is headquartered in McLean, Virginia, and employs over 300 people. Its mission is to bring forward new and innovative solutions to bridge the digital divide.

In 2016, OneWeb was the first company in many years to file for an NGSO system with the FCC. At the time, the FCC had a buildout rule that required all NGSO systems to build their full constellation within six years. This rule led OneWeb to submit an application for 720 satellites, based on what they believed was achievable within the FCC's rules at that time. OneWeb was granted U.S. market access by the Commission in June 2017 for a satellite constellation of 720 satellites.

Upon changes to FCC standards, OneWeb submitted a modification of its application and increased its total to 1,980 satellites. It is my understanding that the modification application has been pending at the Commission for more than 18 months. Accordingly, please give full and fair consideration to OneWeb's project, which could benefit Americans across the country.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, contact [Evan\\_McWalters@kaine.senate.gov](mailto:Evan_McWalters@kaine.senate.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,



Tim Kaine