The Honorable John N. Kennedy  
United States Senate  
416 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission’s work to reallocate C-band spectrum for flexible terrestrial use and assign that spectrum through a public auction. As we move forward, we will endeavor to keep members and staff of the Senate and House Appropriations and Commerce Committees apprised of our progress in a timely matter. For example, on January 22, our team had the opportunity to discuss with your staffer, John Steitz, various issues involved in the C-band proceeding.

As you know, in November 2019, I announced my support for the Commission to conduct a public auction of 280 MHz of the C-band spectrum. I appreciate your support for this decision. In order for this public auction to commence before the year’s end, I intend to circulate this week to my colleagues a draft C-band Order as well as an Auction Procedures Comment Public Notice, and will ask my fellow Commissioners to consider and vote on these items at the Commission’s upcoming Open Meeting on February 28. Each item represents a critical procedural step toward a 2020 auction, and ultimately toward the repurposing the C-band spectrum so that it can be used to provide next-generation wireless services to the American people.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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