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Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 45 L Street NE Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 15-146

## Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

Thank you for your leadership at the Federal Communications Commission, ensuring a more connected future for our citizens and a fair playing field for participants in the communications economy. I write today regarding spectrum allocation, specifically the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for MB Docket 15-146, which contemplated reserving one Ultra High Frequency (UHF) band for use by wireless microphones.

As you know, high quality wireless microphones are a necessary part of the content creation economy and civic life, from live performances, to news delivery, to recorded entertainment. Due to the unique characteristics of this low band spectrum, wireless microphones require access to a UHF TV channel in order to create professional content. I understand that the FCC has recently terminated the NPRM MB Docket 15-146 and is no longer actively considering reserving one UHF band for use by these devices. In response, Petitions for Reconsideration have been filed by manufacturers of professional microphones, including those who employ highly skilled workers and operate in my district in Connecticut. I respectfully request that the Commission give full and fair consideration to these Petitions for Reconsideration.

I respect that spectrum allocation is a complex and challenging issue for the Commission. Nevertheless, in light of the significant economic contribution and the cultural enrichment that content creation provides, I hope you will consider the perspectives of these employers and the range of wireless microphone operators when contemplating reopening the NPRM.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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