

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Chairwoman Federal Communications Commission 45 L Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel,

We write to ask the FCC to consider utilizing its special temporary authority to grant the outstanding 2.5 GHz licenses required for auction winners to deploy their auctioned spectrum.

First, we would like to commend the FCC for its relentless efforts in promoting a vibrant and competitive telecommunications landscape. The spectrum auctions conducted by the FCC have played a vital role in fostering innovation, encouraging investment, and driving economic growth.

The FCC's most recent auction, on August 29, 2022, raised over \$400 million dollars, and resulted in 63 bidders winning nearly 8,000 licenses. However, due to the Senate's failure to reauthorize the FCC's auction authority, delay in the deployment of the auctioned spectrum has hampered the realization of these benefits and impacted consumers nationwide.

Considering this, we believe that the FCC's special temporary authority can serve as an effective and alternative solution. By granting temporary deployment rights to auction winners, the FCC would facilitate the swift utilization of auctioned spectrum, encouraging timely investments in network infrastructure and services. This approach aligns with the FCC's commitment to ensuring that spectrum resources are efficiently utilized for the benefit of consumers and the public interest.

Additionally, allowing auction winners to deploy their auctioned spectrum without unnecessary delays would directly foster healthy competition and innovation within the industry. Timely access to spectrum enables operators to introduce advanced technologies, expand coverage, and improve quality of service. This, in turn, enhances consumer choice, empowers businesses, and accelerates the development of next-generation applications and services.

Chairwoman Rosenworcel, we kindly request that you consider utilizing the FCC's special temporary authority to enable Auction 108 winners to deploy their auctioned spectrum promptly. We believe such a decision would not only align with the FCC's core mission of promoting



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competition and innovation but also demonstrate a commitment to enhancing connectivity for all Americans. Thank you for your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable statutes and regulations, of our letter.

Sincerely,

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