

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER GEOFFREY STARKS
CONCURRING**

Re: *Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band*, WT Docket No. 18-120

Last July, I dissented to the Report and Order in this proceeding because, while the Educational Broadband Service (EBS) model has not been perfect, it should have been improved rather than undercut. To that end I still believe there was a better way to handle EBS, but the 2.5 GHz band has been underutilized for too long. Given our nation's need for mid-band spectrum and the importance of this spectrum to future wireless broadband service, particularly in tribal communities and rural America, I concur so we can make this spectrum available as soon as possible.