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Scott Blake Harris
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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**Re: Developing and Implementing a National Spectrum Strategy for the United States,
Docket No. NTIA-2023-0003**

Dear Mr. Harris:

On September 6, 2023, Rachael Bender, Bill Stone, David Wolff, and I, on behalf of Verizon, met virtually with you and Scott Patrick about the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) ongoing work on the national spectrum strategy. During the meeting, we discussed the optimal power levels and other operating parameters that enable robust 5G deployment. In particular, we compared our approach to using the CBRS spectrum with our ongoing C-band deployment.

We also reiterated the critical importance of the 7/8 GHz band being included in the national spectrum strategy. A robust spectrum pipeline is vital to U.S. leadership in wireless and this band presents one of the best opportunities for making prime mid-band spectrum available for commercial use, along with the 4.4-4.9 GHz and Lower 3 GHz bands. We discussed why appropriate power levels for licensed 5G and 6G use will be critical to making this band, and others, successful.

Finally, we discussed how the national spectrum strategy and implementation plan present an opportunity to solidify a sound coordination process between the government and the private sector for studying new spectrum reallocation possibilities. We shared our experience with the Partnership to Advance Trusted and Holistic Spectrum Solutions (PATHSS) process and lessons learned from the work to potentially unlock the Lower 3 GHz band for commercial use.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,