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May 16, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication: MB Docket No. 15-53

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 14 and 15, 2015, the undersigned of ITTA made separate *ex parte* presentations via telephone to Maria Kirby in Chairman Wheeler's office, Valery Galasso in Commissioner Rosenworcel's office, Chanelle Hardy in Commissioner Clyburn's office, Matthew Berry in Commissioner Pai's office, and Robin Colwell in Commissioner O'Rielly's office regarding the Commission's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* proposing to adopt a rebuttable presumption that cable operators are subject to effective competition.¹

ITTA urged the Commission to move forward with its proposal to presume that cable operators face effective competition nationwide. Such action is amply supported by the record and well within the Commission's authority under the relevant statutes. Moreover, opponents of reversing the presumption have provided no evidence of consumer harm in the more than ten thousand communities throughout the United States that already have been found to face effective competition.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Micah M. Caldwell".

Micah M. Caldwell
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cc: Maria Kirby Valery Galasso
Chanelle Hardy Matthew Berry
Robin Colwell

¹ *In the Matter of Amendment to the Commission's Rules Concerning Effective Competition; Implementation of Section 111 of the STELA Reauthorization Act*, MB Docket No. 15-53, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 15-30 (rel. Mar. 16, 2015).