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February 27, 2003

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

***Re*: *Ex Parte* Presentation**
WT Docket No. 02-55, WT Docket No. 01-309, CC Docket No. 95-116, CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 98-171, CC Docket No. 90-571, CC Docket No. 92-232, CC Docket No. 99-200, CC Docket No. 95-116, CC Docket No. 98-170

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 26, 2003, the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association ("CTIA") represented by Steve Berry, Senior Vice President for Government Affairs, Diane Cornell, Vice President for Regulatory Policy, and Christopher Guttman-McCabe, Director for Regulatory Policy, met with representatives from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau including, John Muleta, Chief, Gerald Vaughan, Deputy Chief, David Furth, Senior Legal Advisor, John Branscome, Legal Advisor, and Jennifer Tomchin, Legal Advisor. The representatives from CTIA gave an overview briefly of the issues of interest to the wireless industry.

In particular, the parties discussed CTIA's Comments and Reply Comments in the 800 MHz proceeding. CTIA reiterated its belief that the Joint Commenters' plan is deficient:

- It does not provide an adequate, long-term solution to the interference problem
- It provides an unfair advantage to Nextel
- It does not provide Public Safety with upgraded equipment
- It could impose costly, unnecessary upgrades on CMRS carriers.

CTIA also discussed its January 23, 2003 petition for Declaratory Ruling on wireline-wireless porting currently pending before the Commission. With regard to Universal Service, CTIA stated that wireless carriers should be eligible to receive ETC status, and that the Commission should maintain a revenues-based system for funding universal service. Finally, with respect to Hearing Aid Compatibility, CTIA reiterated the arguments from its February 25, 2003 ex parte.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, an original and one copy of this letter is being filed with your office. If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Diane J. Cornell

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cc: John Muleta
Gerald Vaughan
David Furth
John Branscome
Jennifer Tomchin