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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Meeting, *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through the Equipment Authorization Program*,  
ET Docket No. 21-232; EA Docket No. 21-233.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 8, 2022, Melissa Newman and Colin Andrews of the Telecommunications Industry Association (“TIA”) met with Ethan Lucarelli, Legal Advisor to the FCC Chairwoman in order to discuss the above-captioned proceeding.

During the meeting, TIA commended the Commission’s continued efforts to improve national security through the promulgation of proposed rules aimed at ensuring U.S. Information Communication Technologies (“ICT”) networks are comprised of equipment from trusted ICT manufacturers and vendors. TIA discussed the implications of the Secure Equipment Act of 2021 on this proceeding, and the definition of “Telecommunications Services and Equipment” that the FCC intends to utilize in this proceeding. TIA stressed the importance of the FCC acting in concert with other federal agencies and branches of government when making determinations on national security concerns raised by ICT vendors, as opposed to the Commission making these determinations on their own.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed in ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Colin Black Andrews*

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