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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte in WC Docket Nos. 19-126 and 10-90**

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> we hereby provide notice of an oral and written ex parte presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings.

On Tuesday, October 15, 2019, Misty Crosby of Buckeye Hills Regional Council and Tom Reid of the Reid Consulting Group met separately with Preston Wise on behalf of Chairman Pai, Travis Litman on behalf of Commissioner Rosenworcel, and Joseph Calascione on behalf of Commissioner Carr. We also met with Ryan Palmer, Division Chief, and Alex Minard, Deputy Division Chief, of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division. Answers to questions asked in these meetings, specifically for more support regarding the proposed modifications to the threshold, are included in the attached slides.

On Thursday, October 17, Tom Reid and Kim Corriher of the Reid Consulting Group met with Brendan Hanley on behalf of Commissioner Stark.

The purpose of our meetings was to review the interim results of the Buckeye Hills Regional Council's broadband study funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission for which Reid Consulting Group is providing professional services. The Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth has also endorsed our findings and we present on their behalf as well.

Specifically, our presentation highlights the persistent digital desert afflicting low population density areas of Appalachian Ohio. We also explained proposed solutions through modification of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF). We further presented our own cost study, or "mini-CAM," and data regarding the service area to support our proposed modifications to the RDOF.

Sincerely,

Tom Reid

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President of the Reid Consulting Group

Attachment: Cracking the Appalachian Ohio Broadband Puzzle

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206