



December 10, 2025

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex parte presentation: Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireline Deployments Notice of Inquiry – WC # 25-253;  
NPRM - Freeing Wireless Infrastructure from Unlawful Regulatory Burdens – WT # 25-276

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, December 8, 2025, the following board members and staff of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) met with Commissioner Olicia Trusty, Krista Senell, Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel; Marcus Maher, Senior Legal Advisor; and, Nellie Foosaner, Acting Legal Advisor:

Christian Seidt, Director of Information Technology, City of Louisville, KY, President; Chris Williams, Video Production Administrator, James City County, VA, President-Elect; Richard Assmus, Community Connectivity Manager, City of Arvada, CO, Immediate Past President; Carson Hamlin, Chief Engineer/Franchise Administrator, City of Fort Collins, CO, Secretary/Treasurer; Jay Runte, Broadband and Telecommunications Program Manager, City of Eugene, OR; Carolyn A. Sculco, Vice-President, Ashpaugh & Sculco, CPAs, PLC; Nancy L. Werner, Partner, Bradley Werner, LLC; ; and, Mike Lynch, Leg/Reg Director for NATOA.

On Wednesday, December 10, 2025, the following board members and staff of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) met with Commissioner Anna Gomez, Deena Shetler, Acting Chief of Staff and Legal Advisor for Media and International; and Jocelyn Brooks, Legal Intern:

Christian Seidt, Director of Information Technology, City of Louisville, KY, President; Richard Assmus, Community Connectivity Manager, City of Arvada, CO, Immediate Past President; Carson Hamlin, Chief Engineer/Franchise Administrator, City of Fort Collins, CO, Secretary/Treasurer; Jay Runte, Broadband and Telecommunications Program Manager, City of Eugene, OR; Daniel Lightfoot, Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities; Daniel Lightfoot, Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities; Nancy L. Werner, Partner, Bradley Werner, LLC; and, Mike Lynch, Leg/Reg Director for NATOA.

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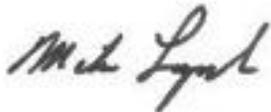
*The local government association advocating for broadband, digital equity and inclusion, and preservation of local authority in our rights of way.*

The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors expressed concerns about question proposing preemption of Local Public Rights of Way (PROW) authority and shot clocks and fees caps that would severely restricting how local governments may regulate the placement, construction, and modification of communications facilities in public rights-of-way and on locally-controlled property.

Participants shared real-world experiences from their cities, towns and counties with wireline and wireless deployment in their communities that presented public safety risks within their communities and strongly suggested that local governments would better be able to protect their streets, sidewalks, and constituents' safety with support from the Commission and improved communications and planning from both wireless and wireline providers.

NATOA recently joined The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), the National League of Cities (NLC), the National Association of Counties (NACo) in the Wireline NOI, *Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireline Deployments*, WC Docket No. 25-253.<sup>1</sup> Our organizations urge the Commission to consider mechanisms that foster and improve the collaborative, locally tailored processes shown to balance cost, safety, and responsible stewardship of finite public resources. Furthermore, we urge the Commission to consider ways to address local government concerns around the timely deployment and restoration of work sites and hold providers accountable to the commitments made to our communities.

Best regards,



Mike Lynch  
Leg/Reg Director  
The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA)

Cc: NATOA Board of Directors  
Emmitt Carlton, Deputy Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA)

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<sup>1</sup> FCC Wireline NOI Local Gov Associations USCM NLC NACo NATOA, WC Docket No 25-253 Comments, <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/11170023709661/1>