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The National Voice of Black Business *Not affiliated with the National Black Chamber of Commerce

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Mr. Ajit Pai Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

On behalf of the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. (USBC), I write today in support of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposal to expand unlicensed spectrum usage. USBC's mission is to help Black businesses thrive, bolster the American economy, create responsible policies, and prepare the next generation of Black entrepreneurs. As leading advocates for the Black business community, we endorse the Commission's proposed action in hopes that it will fuel innovation of next generation networks and expand the capacity of Black businesses to harness the power of the internet to grow.

Since the rise of the digital age, wireless technologies that rely on unlicensed spectrum have become an essential commodity in the way Americans do business. In this year alone, wireless technologies are expected to contribute nearly \$1 trillion to the American economy. Despite this economic significance, our nation must continue to invest in its vast digital economy in the years ahead.

Among other actions, the FCC will authorize unlicensed spectrum use to share the 1200 MHz with 6 GHz incumbents, while also safeguarding incumbent users from harmful interference. These actions are anticipated to stimulate the growth of millions of Black business owners who depend on wireless technologies to thrive.

We support FCC's action because it is slated to provide improved broadband access and resources to the nation's three million Black-owned businesses and ignite the power of digital innovation among other underserved business communities across the nation.

USBC recognizes the need and opportunity for successful digital regulations that aim to expand American innovation, especially for Black businesses. I anticipate that this proposal will initiate a path forward for underserved Americans to adequately use the internet as a tool for progress through high speed broadband access. I look forward to working with the Commission towards the passage of this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

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