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January 29, 2020

Chairman Ajit Pai  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ATIS' 5G Supply Chain Security Initiative with DoD

Dear Chairman Pai:

I understand that you will be speaking at Mobile World Congress regarding supply chain security. On behalf of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS), we are pleased that the Commission has taken such an active role in promoting the security of next generation networks. The security of 5G systems is vital because 5G technologies will be deeply integrated into networks and services. To this end, we want to inform you of our initiative on 5G supply chain standardization.

As requested by the Department of Defense (DoD), ATIS launched its 5G Supply Chain Working Group in November 2019. This collaborative initiative was the result of outreach from Dr. Lisa Porter, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering at DoD, and has participation from a large number of industry members and government agencies, including the FCC, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Department of Commerce, DoD, National Security Council, and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. The ATIS 5G Supply Chain Working Group is being jointly led by T-Mobile, Verizon and the NTIA.

The working group is advancing beyond the development of 5G best practices and guidelines to create supply chain standards that can be operationalized in the public and private sectors.

Among other things, the 5G Supply Chain Working Group is working to:

- establish the criteria for “assured” commercial 5G networks;
- identify requirements and develop standards to be applied to 5G systems; and
- evaluate audit/certification options for information and communications technology (ICT) solution providers, infrastructure, and endpoint device original equipment manufacturers.

These objectives are intended to address end-to-end ICT supply chain visibility, coordination of existing supply chain management best practices, industry alignment

with federal guidelines, improved threat monitoring tools, and a method to influence national/international standards development.

Once complete, the group's work is expected to promote widespread 5G and Internet of Things (IoT) adoption across DoD and the rest of the federal government.

We would be happy to give you a further briefing on our efforts, if you are interested. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Susan Miller  
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