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Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Secretary Chao:

ITE would like to thank you for your continued leadership on the issue of preserving the 5.9 GHz spectrum for V2X communications for safety. ITE fully supports maintaining the whole spectrum for transportation safety as conveyed in the letter you submitted to FCC Chairman Pai on the 5.9 GHz spectrum Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

ITE joins with numerous partner transportation organizations in asking that the FCC’s NPRM be withheld until the FCC and USDOT can agree to a path forward for the 5.9 GHz. We must protect the entire 75 MHz for transportation safety. Not enough research has been done to demonstrate that the proposed 30 MHz is sufficient for V2X applications, especially as connected technologies advance and the need for more bandwidth increases.

A statement issued by ITE on November 21 maintains strong support for preserving the 5.9 GHz safety spectrum. As conveyed in our statement, ITE and its members are committed to saving lives and achieving the goals of Vision Zero. Reallocation of this spectrum is a short-sighted move that will significantly reduce the life-saving potential of connected and automated vehicles.

Thank you again, and we look forward to continuing the dialog on this important transportation safety issue.

Sincerely,

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