Director, Spectrum Regulatory Best Practices
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
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Dear Sir/Madam:

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Consultation on the Spectrum Outlook 2018 to 2022

On behalf of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, I am writing to support the views submitted by Seaside Wireless Communications Inc. regarding the need for appropriate spectrum to be made available for use by fixed wireless equipment and service providers.

Using fixed TD-LTE equipment, Seaside provides internet services to over 1,100 households and businesses throughout rural areas of our municipality. With access to spectrum between 3400-3800MHz, this technology is capable of significantly increasing internet speeds for our rural residents, thereby narrowing the digital divide with their urban counterparts.

We are concerned that after a decade wherein WISPs like Seaside have partnered with all levels of government to invest in improving rural infrastructure and service levels, rural residents could suffer if access to 3400-3800MHz spectrum is restricted or diminished.

Your decision will play a pivotal role in determining quality of life and economic opportunity for rural communities for years to come. We therefore urge you to consider our concerns and comments regarding the spectrum outlook for 2018 to 2022.

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