

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of ) )

Petition of American Hotel & Lodging  
Association, Marriott International, Inc., and ) Ryman Hospitality Properties for a  
Declaratory ) Ruling to Interpret 47 U.S.C. § 333, or, in the )

Alternative, for Rulemaking

) RM-11737

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**COMMENTS**

I, Robert A. McCroskey, respectfully submit my comments in response to the above-captioned Petition for Declaratory Ruling or, in the Alternative, for Rulemaking (“Petition”) filed by the American Hotel & Lodging Association, Marriott International, Inc., and Ryman Hospitality Properties (collectively, “Petitioners”).

As a frequent business traveler, in many instances I’ve stayed in various hotel properties, including some of those owned by parties of the Petitioner, where their internal Wi-Fi service was not available for one of several reasons; 1) limited RF range, 2) lack of technical configuration/support (IP address issues), or 3) lack of ability to pass data through to our corporate VPN network. Because of these issues, I’ve been required to switch to my personal Wi-Fi device while inside the hotel property such that I could conduct my normal business duties.

My particular business activity involves technically supporting Public Safety voice & data communications systems. If I’m inhibited in performing my tasks in timely manner, needless to say, severe complications may arise. For these reasons, I’ve made arrangements to provide alternate methods of connection to our corporate network. Consenting to this Petition will effectively disable one of my emergency data paths and limit my operational abilities.

As a side note, the Petitioner’s signal blocking method has no intelligence to determine if a consumer is actually within the hotel property, i.e. just being near their facility could inhibit the public’s access to alternate data networks. This type of blanket ‘jamming’ method should not be allowed.

I strongly urge the Commission to disallow this petition in it’s entirety and uphold the public interest by permitting citizens to provide whatever Internet access they decide for themselves to obtain. Please prevent the hotel industry from dictating the Internet connection rules of the public. Their control should especially be prevented over the

connection devices in which the consumer is already paying network fees. To do otherwise, devalues the consumers' contracted network service.

Respectfully submitted,

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