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Senator Varun Ghosh
Chair – Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Ghosh

I refer to the appearance of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts before the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee's inquiry into the *Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Universal Outdoor Mobile Obligation) Bill 2025* on 20 April 2026.

I wish to make corrections to evidence that was provided at the hearing.

In answering questions from Senator Hanson-Young about the nature of the low earth satellite market, I said:

“AST is operating in New Zealand and has done trials in Romania.”

I would like to make the following correction to that evidence:

“AST Space Mobile has announced a partnership with 2degrees in New Zealand. In addition, AST Space Mobile has undertaken several trials, and plans to undertake a trial in Romania.”

I would be grateful if you could please note this for the information of the Committee.

Regards,

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