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**Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re:           *Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls,*  
                  CG Docket No. 17-59**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 27, 2018, Beth Choroser of Comcast, Linda Vandeloop of AT&T, and I met with John B. Adams, Kurt Schroeder (by phone), Jerusha Burnett, Karen Schroeder (by phone), and Mark Stone (by phone) of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, and Parul Desai and Kristi Thompson (by phone) of the Enforcement Bureau. We discussed possible ways to more effectively address the robocall problem by tracking down and shutting down illegal robocallers.

It is well established that industry-led traceback efforts can be an effective way to abate illegal robocalling campaigns, but unfortunately not all service providers participate in the traceback process. We explored possible ways to incentivize carriers to participate in good faith in tracebacks administered by reputable, neutral third parties. We also discussed the fact that certain traffic metrics, such as unanswer rate and call duration, could potentially help the Commission identify illegal robocall traffic on networks of service providers who do not participate.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules, I am submitting this *ex parte* notice letter into the above-referenced docket over the Electronic Comment Filing System.

Sincerely,

/s

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