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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Ex Parte* Presentation:
*Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in
Correctional Facilities*, GN Docket No. 13-111

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 7, 2018, stakeholders representing a variety of interests participated in a meeting with Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai, representatives of the Office of the Chairman, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Office of Engineering and Technology, and Office of Media Relations, to discuss the issue of combatting contraband wireless device use in correctional facilities. A full list of meeting participants is attached.

During the meeting, corrections officials from the federal government and several states described their challenges and requirements for combatting this public safety issue, including funding issues and current deployment strategies, and possible alternative strategies and methods. Some state officials expressed the need for a layered approach to the problem, using a variety of other tools in combination with radio frequency solutions.

A variety of solutions providers described the features of currently deployed or tested technologies, including managed access, advanced detection and micro-jamming. Solutions providers and corrections officials discussed the factors contributing to successful implementation of various technologies, and the need to tailor systems to the specifications of each facility. Wireless carriers and representative associations discussed steps already taken to facilitate deployment of contraband interdiction technologies, as well as steps for testing alternative technologies and considering application of existing tools and resources to disable contraband devices.

Stakeholders discussed the relative costs of deploying various technologies in a variety of correctional facility environments, and corrections officials described the challenges of funding those solutions. Representatives from the wireless industry agreed to work closely with the corrections community and solutions providers, and establish a task force that will further consider the best methods of developing and deploying cost-effective technologies to solve this difficult problem.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being electronically submitted into the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Mathias', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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FCC Ombudsperson for Contraband Device Issues

Attachment

List of Participants

FCC Participants

Chairman Ajit Pai

Rachael Bender, Office of the Chairman (OCH)

Matthew Berry, OCH

Melissa Conway, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB)

Lloyd Coward, WTB

David Furth, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB)

Anna Gentry, WTB

Jane Kelly, PSHSB

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Charles Mathias, WTB

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Ryan McDonald, intern, OCH

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Roger Noel, WTB

Tina Pelkey, Office of Media Relations

Meaghan Ryan, intern, WTB

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Other Participants

Jim Basinger, Indiana Department of Correction (DOC)

Brian Benison, AT&T

Markie Britton, Tecore

Milton Brown, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Gina Cacciatore, Verizon

Matthew Caesar, Global Tel*Link

Bryan Collier, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Todd Craig, Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP)
David Donahue, GEO Corrections and Detention
Patrick Donovan, Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association (CTIA)
Lee Dotson, Tennessee DOC
Greg Dozier, Georgia DOC
Kyle Entz, Sprint
John Fischer, Cell Command
Brian Fontes, National Emergency Number Association (NENA)
Trey Forgety, NENA
Lindsey Freeman, Office of Legal Policy (OLP), Department of Justice (DOJ)
David Gittelson, Prelude
Roy Glasberg, Prelude
Mark Greene, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), DOJ
Dan Hackett, ShawnTech
Eric Hagerson, T-Mobile
Pelicia Hall, Mississippi DOC
Stephen Harsham, Tecore
Joe Heaps, NIJ, DOJ
Hank Hultquist, AT&T
Mark Inch, FBOP
A representative of J3 Technology
William Johnson, Verizon
Kevin Kempf, Association of State Correctional Administrators
Joe Klimavicz, DOJ
Adam Krinsky, CTIA
Jessica Lyons, AT&T
Howard Melamed, CellAntenna
Jay Miller, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Robert Morse, Verizon
Courtney Neville, Competitive Carriers Association (CCA)

Joseph Noonan, Corrections.com

Tony Parker, Tennessee DOC

Mark Reddish, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO)

Dennis Roberson, Roberson & Associates

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Ray Rothermel, Sprint

Jay Salkini, Tecore

Mark Sanford, Congressman from South Carolina

Steve Sharkey, T-Mobile

Sean Smith, Mississippi DOC

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