

March 1, 2018

Via ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notification of *Ex Parte* Presentation, CG Docket No. 02-278

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 27, 2018, the following individuals representing industry trade associations (the Associations) met with Patrick Webre, Mark Stone, Kurt Schroeder, John B. Adams, Kristi Thornton, Jerusha Burnett, Karen Schroeder, and Josh Zeldis of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau:

- Jonathan Thessin of the American Bankers Association;
- Mark Brennan on behalf of the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management;
- Stephen Congdon of the Consumer Bankers Association;
- Aryeh Fishman of the Edison Electric Institute;
- Michael Emancipator of the Independent Community Bankers of America;
- Justin Wiseman of the Mortgage Bankers Association;
- Ann Kossachev of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions;
- Shelly Repp of the National Council of Higher Education Resources;
- Winfield Crigler of the Student Loan Servicing Alliance; and
- Kristina Sesek of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform.

The Associations expressed support for the Commission's (Commission) efforts to eliminate unlawful automated calls. The Associations also emphasized the continuing negative impact to their members of the Commission's Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) decisions, particularly the Commission's interpretation of the statutory definition of an "automatic telephone dialing system."¹ The Associations explained that many of the Commission's existing TCPA interpretations impair the ability of the Associations' members to use efficient dialing technologies to contact their customers with important messages. We urged the Commission to

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 227(a)(1) (defining "automatic telephone dialing system").

act expeditiously to ensure that its implementation of the TCPA is consistent with the text of the statute and congressional intent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Thessin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jonathan Thessin
Senior Counsel, Center for Regulatory Compliance