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April 2, 2019

**VIA ECFS**

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

**Re:   *Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, CG Docket No. 17-59; Call Authentication Trust Anchor, WC Docket No. 17-97; Implementing Section 503 of RAY BAUM'S Act, WC Docket No. 18-335; Rules and Regulations Implementing the Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009, WC Docket No. 11-39***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 29, 2019, the undersigned, along with Beth Choroser from Comcast Corporation ("Comcast"), met with Randy Clarke, Acting Legal Advisor to Commissioner Geoffrey Starks, regarding the above-referenced proceedings.

At the meeting, we reiterated Comcast's strong support for the Commission's efforts, in conjunction with industry stakeholders, to address the problem of fraudulent robocalls involving the spoofing of caller ID information. We noted that the Commission has undertaken various initiatives to tackle this issue, including an order in November 2017 authorizing voice providers to block certain types of spoofed calls, active efforts to promote the development and adoption of the end-to-end call authentication standard known as SHAKEN/STIR, aggressive enforcement actions against individuals and entities engaging in fraudulent spoofed robocalling, and proposals to update and expand the Commission's Truth in Caller ID rules. We also explained that Comcast has been at the cutting edge of innovation and leadership in this arena—not only through its implementation of robocall mitigation techniques authorized by the Commission and its offering of free blocking tools to its customers, but also through its pioneering role in developing the SHAKEN/STIR protocol and deploying the technology on its network. We highlighted the fact that, in March, Comcast announced a major milestone in implementing SHAKEN/STIR—an industry-first exchange of authenticated calls with another provider (AT&T), in a real-world setting using phones on the companies' consumer networks.<sup>1</sup> Finally,

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<sup>1</sup> See Comcast Corp., Press Release, "AT&T, Comcast Announce Anti-Robocalling Fraud Milestone Believed To Be Nation's First," Mar. 20, 2019, *available at*

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we noted that the Commission's recent order establishing a comprehensive reassigned number database, while distinct from initiatives targeting fraudulent spoofing, will also help reduce the number of unwanted calls that consumers receive.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b), this *ex parte* notification is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceedings. Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding these issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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<https://corporate.comcast.com/press/releases/att-comcast-announce-anti-robocalling-fraud-milestone-believed-to-be-nations-first>.