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Honorable Sonny Callahan
House of Representatives
1330 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Callahan:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Robert B. Andrews, Senior Vice President, Finance, for Providence Hospital in Mobile, Alabama. Mr. Andrews expresses his concern regarding individuals who are utilizing 800 service numbers to generate a fee. Your constituent believes that the Commission should establish a requirement that calls placed to 800 service numbers be toll free.

On April 30, 1992, the 900 Number Subcommittee of the Consumer Protection Committee of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) and thirty-four states filed a Petition for Clarification and Modification of the Commission's pay-per-call rules. Enclosed is a copy of the Public Notice regarding this matter. The Petition requests that the Commission issue an order (1) clearly stating that the pay-per-call rules apply when such services are offered over standard inward Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS) and (2) prohibiting carriers from providing standard inward WATS service for services which bill customers through the use of either tone-generation technology, automatic number identification (ANI) or billing detail information.

NAAG's Petition will be treated as a petition for rulemaking rather than as a filing in CC Docket 91-65, Policies and Rules Concerning Interstate 900 Telecommunications Services. Comments on this matter were due to the Commission no later than July 8, 1992. Reply comments may be filed no later than July 28, 1992. Please be assured that your constituent's comments will be associated with the file on this matter, and that the Commission will resolve this matter in an expeditious manner.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Spangler

Robert W. Spangler
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Enclosure