



May 15, 2018

Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 11, 2018, I met Kris Monteith, Eric Burger, Daniel Kahn, Kenneth Carlberg, Jerusha Burnett, John B. Adams, and Sherwin Siy to discuss Sprint's approach to combatting the scourge of unwanted robocalls. Pierce Gorman and Brad Gaunt of Sprint joined by telephone.

Sprint stated that it supports the adoption of SHAKEN/STIR call authentication by carriers but cautioned that there are logistical obstacles to immediate deployment and that even when it is deployed, it will not be an immediate silver bullet that will eliminate illegal robocalls. Sprint noted that in addition to the establishment of the governance/policy/certificate framework, carriers implementing SHAKEN/STIR need support from network suppliers and testing tools. Sprint also noted that merely signing calls will not combat robocalls unless intermediate carriers, terminating carriers, and equipment manufacturers are all supporting the protocols and providing information to analytics companies for ultimate use by the recipient of the call.

Sprint also highlighted the advances that analytics companies have made in identifying robocalls and displaying that information to customers so they can make informed decisions about whether to answer a call, block it, or send to voicemail.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 592-2560.

Sincerely,

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