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

Re: Verizon Request for Declaratory Ruling, or, in the Alternative, Partial Waiver Regarding the Handset Locking Rule for C Block Licensees WT Docket No. 06-150

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 14, Will Johnson and Tamara Preiss of Verizon met with Suzanne Tetreault, Garnet Hanly, Paul D'Ari, and Eli Johnson of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss Verizon's petition in the above-referenced proceeding. We asked the bureau to move swiftly to enable Verizon to combat the rampant fraud and identity theft that harm our customers, consumers generally, and Verizon itself.<sup>1</sup> The temporary, 60-day lock that Verizon proposes is narrowly targeted to deter fraudsters with little, if any, impact on legitimate customers. The record in this proceeding confirms that consumers pay for fraud-related losses with increased prices, and preventing theft and fraud is in the public interest.<sup>2</sup> Even after the bureau grants this relief, Verizon will remain the wireless industry leader in platform and device openness.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Tamara Preiss

cc: (via e-mail)  
Suzanne Tetreault  
Garnet Hanly  
Paul D'Ari  
Eli Johnson

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 0.131(a), (d); *Dish Network Corp. Petition for Waiver*, WT Docket No. 13-225, Memorandum Opinion and order, 28 FCC 16787, 16809 (WTB 2013).

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., Comments of Public Knowledge at 2, 7.