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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
12th Street Lobby, Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 95-155; WT Docket No. 08-7

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 14, 2017, Ann Berkowitz, Ryan Karnas, and the undersigned, all of Somos, Inc., met with Jay Schwarz of Chairman Pai's office regarding Somos's petition in the above captioned docket.

During the meeting, we discussed how the texting to ten-digit landline numbers, including texting to Toll-Free Numbers, developed prior to 2014 and explained how the industry engaged Somos, the Toll-Free Neutral Administrator, in the process. We also described how the Somos Texting and Smart Services Registry checks with the SMS/800 to make sure the Toll-Free Number is assigned, validates the request with the Resp Org, and collects routing information, which, upon enablement, is distributed near real-time to routing databases free of charge. We also discussed the critically important neutral role the registry plays in the texting to Toll-Free ecosystem. Finally, we discussed how lack of an independent, neutral registry can lead to significant harms from consumer fraud to inability of law enforcement to obtain critical, time-sensitive information. All the issues discussed are consistent with Somos's position in the record.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

cc: Jay Schwarz