



THE ADVOCACY DIVISION OF CONSUMER REPORTS

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

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation, CG Docket No. 17-59; WC Docket No. 17-97; CG Docket No. 18-152; CG Docket No. 02-278

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 19, 2018, I spoke on a panel with Kristi Thornton of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at the National Association of Attorneys General's Summer Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

At the meeting, I discussed points relating to the following open FCC proceedings. First, in relation to CG Docket No. 17-59, Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls<sup>1</sup> and WC Docket No. 17-97, Call Authentication Trust Anchor,<sup>2</sup> I recommended that the FCC require the phone companies to implement advanced call-blocking tools, and to implement caller ID authentication technology by a date certain. I also noted our support for the ROBOCOP Act,<sup>3</sup> which would require the implementation of these technologies. Several of the points I addressed are included in reply comments filed by the consumer groups on February 22, 2018,<sup>4</sup> and recent Congressional testimony.<sup>5</sup>

I also spoke in reference to the CG Docket Nos. 18-152 and 02-278 on the issues raised by FCC's recently-posted Public Notice.<sup>6</sup> I highlighted the importance of these issues to consumers, and summarized our position that the FCC should issue the strongest possible rules to protect consumers from unwanted robocalls. I noted our support of several related bills: the HANGUP Act,<sup>7</sup> the Stopping

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<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CG Docket No. 17-59 (Nov. 17, 2017), *available at* [https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/111717758568/FCC-17-151A1\\_Rcd.pdf](https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/111717758568/FCC-17-151A1_Rcd.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> In the Matter of Call Authentication Trust Anchor, Notice of Inquiry (Jul. 14, 2017), *available at* <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/07141096201120/FCC-17-89A1.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> S. 2705 (2018).

<sup>4</sup> Reply Comments of Consumers Union, National Consumer Law Center, et al., CG Docket No. 17-59 (Feb. 22, 2018), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/102230569505816/Consumer%20group%20reply%20comments%20FNPRM%2002.22.18.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> *Statement of Maureen Mahoney before the Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcomm.*, (Apr. 27, 2018), <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/IF/IF17/20180427/108190/HHRG-115-IF17-Wstate-MahoneyM-20180427.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> Fed. Commc'ns Comm'n, Public Notice, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Seeks Comment on Interpretation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act in Light of the D.C. Circuit's ACA International Decision, CG Docket No. 18-152 CG Docket No. 02-278 (May 14, 2018), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/0514497027768/DA-18-493A1.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> S. 564 (2017).

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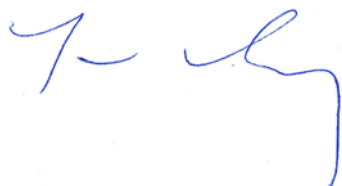
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Bad Robocalls Act,<sup>8</sup> and a bill in New York State, the Telephone Consumer Privacy Protection Act.<sup>9</sup> Additional points can be found in our comments to the proceeding.<sup>10</sup>

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This disclosure is made pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §1.1206.

Sincerely,



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<sup>8</sup> H.R. 6026 (2018).

<sup>9</sup> S. 8674 (2018).

<sup>10</sup> Comments of Consumers Union, CG Docket Nos. 18-152 and 02-278 (Jun. 13, 2018), <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10614715908175/CU%20Comment%2018-152%2002-278%20061318.pdf>.