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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20054

Re: *In the Matter of Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls*, CG Docket No. 17-59, Second Notice of Inquiry, FCC 17-90.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Professional Association for Customer Engagement (“PACE”), I am writing to provide comments to the above-referenced Second Notice of Inquiry (“NOI”) that seeks public input on a proposed reassigned number database. PACE appreciates the Commission’s interest in finding a solution to the dilemma businesses often face when attempting to call consumers whose numbers may have been reassigned; however, consideration of a reassigned number database is premature. Currently pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is an appeal (“PACE Appeal”)¹ of the Commission’s 2015 Omnibus Declaratory Ruling and Order.² Because the PACE Appeal challenges the Commission’s definition of “called party” which could have a significant impact upon the need for or structure of a reassigned number database, PACE believes that it is too early to consider the development of a reassigned number database. Stated simply, a reassigned number database would impose additional obligations upon callers that may not be needed depending upon the outcome of the PACE Appeal.

PACE recommends the Commission hold any action on a reassigned number database in abeyance until the PACE Appeal has concluded.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on this important topic.

Sincerely,

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¹ *ACA International et al. v. FCC and United States*, Case No. 15-1211 (D.C. Cir.).

² Declaratory Ruling and Order, *In re Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991*, CG Docket No. 02-278, WC Docket No. 07-135, FCC 15-72 (Jul. 10, 2015).