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Via Electronic Submission

Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Notice of Ex Parte - Misuse of Internet Protocol (IP) Captioned Telephone Service,
Telecommunications Relay Services, CG Docket No. 13-24**

Dear Karen:

This letter is to document that on September 11, 2017, the state member attendees of the 2017 TEDPA Conference (Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association) attended a session with Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau; Lise Hamlin, Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA); and Linda Kozma-Spytek, Gallaudet University Technology Access Program regarding IP-CTS matters.

The purpose of the session was to discuss the pending NPRM on IP-CTS, issues and concerns with marketing methods by IP-CTS providers that impact state EDPs, and the certification/evaluation process for IP-CTS applicants. An overwhelming number of state EDPs pointed out that most people (quantified by the Florida program as 8 out of 10) requesting CTS phones end up getting alternative technologies such as amplified telephones when assisted by EDP staff.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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