Ms. Marlene H. Dortch

Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

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**Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation Concerning GC Docker No. 02-278, Credit Union National Association Petition for Declaratory Ruling Under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991**

On Wednesday November 8th, Katie McAuliffe, Executive Director of Digital Liberty and Federal Affairs Manager at Americans for Tax Reform, met with Nirali Patel, Commissioner Brendan Carr’s Acting Legal Advisor for Media, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement to discuss primarily media ownership; however, TCPA came up as well.

This filing addresses the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. Separate filings cover media ownership.

Americans for Tax Reform and Digital Liberty expressed support for the exemptions to the TCPA suggested by the Credit Union National Association in their petition for a declaratory ruling under the TCPA.

We agree that the FCC could uphold the intent of the TCPA — to prevent harassing telemarketing calls — and account for new kinds of communications by exempting a clear class of informational calls from the prior consent requirement.

In the meeting, we did not discuss specifics, only expressed support for CUNA’s petition.

The TCPA was not intended to stop normal business interactions. Financial institutions, credit unions in particular, should be exempt from many of these restrictions due to the sensitivity of the information they provide their customers or member-owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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