

November 14, 2017

***VIA ECFS***

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities*, GN Docket No. 13-111  
*Ex Parte* Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 9, 2017, the following individuals met with Commission staff to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding: Brian Benison and Jessica Lyons of AT&T; Ray Rothermel and Kyle Entz of Sprint; Eric Hagerson and Steve Sharkey of T-Mobile; and Robert Morse of Verizon (the “Wireless Parties”). Commission staff in attendance were: Donald Stockdale, Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; Melissa Conway, Lloyd Coward, Anna Gentry, Charles Mathias, Roger Noel, Moslem Sawez (via teleconference), Dana Shaffer (via teleconference), Suzanne Tetreault, and Mary Claire York of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; and David Furth, Jane Kelly, and Tim May (via teleconference) of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

The Wireless Parties affirmed their companies’ continued support for state and local correctional facilities’ investments in managed access system (“MAS”) technologies. Our companies support these systems through contributions of licensed spectrum and our engineering personnel resources, and as a result dozens of corrections facilities in several states already have implemented MAS technology. But we also reiterated our companies’ support for supplementing effective MAS technologies with other methods of combating contraband phones, including support for vendor testing that would advance cell phone detection systems as a potential tool for further restricting unauthorized cell phone use in these correctional facilities. Our companies oppose the use of “jamming” devices to achieve this goal given the impact to legitimate users, but we support improving corrections officials’ ability to timely terminate service to contraband handsets detected on their premises. The Wireless Parties emphasized that the optimal process would be for the correctional facility to obtain an appropriate court order that protects legitimate users, and committed to work with other stakeholders to develop a model approach. Finally, we support the Commission’s efforts to convene a meeting with industry and other federal, state and local government public safety stakeholders to discuss our experiences as well as feasible, lawful methods of supplementing MAS technologies.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Ajit V. Pai, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, to Congressman Robert B. Aderholt (Oct. 24, 2017).

This letter is submitted in accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules,  
47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Sincerely,

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/s/  
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