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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018 (WC Docket No. 18-336)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 17, 2020, I/the undersigned spoke via telephone conference with Melissa Kinkel, Michelle Sclater, Heather Hendrickson and Jesse Goodwin with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Wireline Competition Bureau - Compliance Policy Division, Beth Sprague, Florence Weber and Linda Hymans with the North American Numbering Plan Administrator/Somos, and Patrick Fahn who is the Director of Public Utilities for the North Dakota Public Service Commission regarding the public draft of the Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018 Report and Order ("Draft 988 Order") and the developing record in that proceeding. Specifically, we discussed North Dakota's request for a waiver to the Draft 988 Order, and the reasons for the waiver. The North Dakota Public Service Commission explained that it originally had only 32 phone numbers in use within the 988 NXX code, and therefore believes it is more appropriate to have those numbers reassigned, thereby allowing the three digit 988 code to be implemented within the 701 area code without the need for the entire area code to move to ten digit dialing.

During the conversation I explained the steps we have already taken to accomplish the return of the 988 number blocks, and what steps remain to be completed.

Please contact me at 701-328-3397 or at [vschock@nd.gov](mailto:vschock@nd.gov) with any questions regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Victor Schock".

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