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Ms. Magalie Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

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**Re: Ex Parte Presentation  
CC Docket No. 97-213 (Communications Assistance to Law Enforcement Act)**

Dear Ms. Salas:

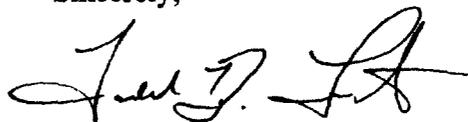
On Friday, July 31, 1998, the Personal Communications Industry Association ("PCIA"), represented by Rob Hoggarth and Todd Lantor, met with Peter Tenhula, Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Michael K. Powell, regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

The parties discussed reasons why the commission should grant a two-year blanket extension of the CALEA compliance date for wireless carriers. PCIA representatives also asked that any commission order extending the CALEA compliance date be linked to the amount of time it takes the commission to resolve the "punch-list" items. PCIA noted that industry cannot begin manufacturing CALEA-compliant equipment, let alone assimilating those modifications into existing networks, until the "punch-list" items are resolved. Thus far, industry vendors have been reluctant to design, develop, test, or produce equipment because of the uncertainty as to what will ultimately be included in the standard. It is generally accepted by all parties that it takes between 18 and 24 months from the date final standards are promulgated to begin the commercial production of CALEA-compliant equipment.

PCIA also addressed issues of concern to paging providers regarding CALEA compliance and informed Mr. Tenhula of progress made by the PCIA Paging Technical Committee (PTC) concerning the development of standards for traditional one-way paging, advanced messaging, and ancillary services. PCIA noted that while paging carriers and manufacturers have succeeded in establishing standards for traditional one-way paging services (comprising 95% of today's messaging services), standards have not yet been adopted by the PTC for advanced messaging or ancillary services, thereby justifying a two-year blanket extension.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the commission's rules, one original and one copy of this letter are being filed with your office. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd B. Lantor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "L".

Todd B. Lantor  
Manager, Government Relations  
Personal Communications Industry Association  
(PCIA)

cc: Peter Tenhula