

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

My name is Marlyn S. Bradshaw and I am a Nurse and Emergency Service Responder and Volunteer. I am writing to you about the current solicitation for the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA). I understand that a decision from the FCC is forthcoming on the vendor for the program. I hold no position on which vendor is chosen to run the LNPA, however I am very concerned about the public safety implications of that decision.

Specifically, there is no provision in the current solicitation to cross check Automatic Location Information (ALI) against the LNPA. This is a tool that ensures that the right information, like address or name, is ported along with the phone number. While this task is the responsibility of the carriers being ported from and to, the LNPA has been providing a necessary review to ensure the data remains correct. I'm sure I don't need to tell you the danger of having a database of 600 million phone numbers become increasingly incorrect with thousands of people changing carriers or losing their landline in favor of cellphones.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is one of the largest states in this great country. It is served by over 8,000 fire and rescue departments, we have a large and vested interest in the security and accuracy of our 911 systems. With the omission of this service from the proposal, there exists the possibility that our Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) will not have the most up to date and accurate tools to deploy first responders effectively.

I ask that this core program, with substantial implications to public safety, be incorporated into all procurement language as this is a vital service in which competitors should be evaluated. Any vendor chosen to become the LNPA administrator, must ensure that public safety for the citizens of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is not at risk.

Thanks you very much for your consideration.

Very Sincerely,

Marlyn S. Bradshaw, RN, BSN, COHC