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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, *Secretary*
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

January 19th, 2015

In re Petition for a Notice of Inquiry Regarding Call Forwarding Requirements and Carrier Blocking Options for Non-Initialized Phones, PS Docket No. 08-51.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, January 13th, 2015, the undersigned, along with NENA CEO Dr. Brian Fontes, made a permitted *ex parte* presentation on behalf of NENA: The 9-1-1 Association and our more than 10,000 members in the 9-1-1 community. Present on behalf of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau were: David Furth, Timothy May, and Michael Connelly. During our presentation, NENA's representatives stressed the extreme importance of solving the NSI problem on a short timeframe. In particular, we explained that the cost burden to Public Safety Answering Points from the added equipment, telecommunications services, and personnel required to handle the flood of NSI calls – most of which do not relate to actual emergencies – has become unsustainable. Moreover, we explained that longer-term “solutions” to the NSI problem that fall short of prohibiting the forwarding of NSI calls to PSAPs – none of which have actually been proposed – will be a viable alternative to a prohibition only if they can prevent a significant fraction of NSI calls from reaching PSAP or 9-1-1 system assets in the first place. Finally, in response to questions from Bureau staff, we reiterated our willingness to work with industry in developing such solutions, while stressing that the time to do so is short.

Please contact me as below with any questions.

Sincerely,



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