

I am writing in regard to "Partial Forbearance From The Commercial Mobile Radio Services Number Portability Obligation." As a consumer I should be allowed to retain my cell number if I change carriers. Given the rapid transformations in the industry, consumers can't be sure at all what kind of services they will receive when they sign up with a cell phone company. By requiring them to give up their assigned number if they are forced to changed companies, the issuer of the number has an unfair advantage, and will make it much more difficult for dissatisfied customers to respond in an appropriate fashion, that is, change to another company. The free market should prevail. The proposal to bar number portability will interfere unnecessarily with free trade principles.

Sincerely,

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